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JAPANESE ARMY TAKING OVER Occupation Of Indo-China Bases

VALETTA ATTACK FAILURE

Further information concerning the attack on Valetta harbour at Malta early on Saturday morning is now available.

A joint Admiralty and War Office communique issued in London yesterday says: "Shortly before 5 a.m. (local time) E-boats appeared off the harbour entrance and fixed defences manned by the military garrison immediately engaged them.

"One E-boat was hit and blew up, while four more were destroyed by gunfire.

"It then appeared that the E-boats were acting as a cover for smaller torpedo-carrying craft which attempted to break into the harbour.

"THESE WERE HEAVILY ENGAGED BY GUNFIRE FROM SHORE DEFENCES, EIGHT BEING BLOWN UP OR SUNK. NONE SUCCEEDED IN ENTERING THE HARBOUR.—REUTER.

SURPRISE WHEELER STATEMENT

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The freezing order apparently has the whole-hearted support of the United States Congress.

Senator Wheeler, chief spokesman for the non-interventionist bloc, said that while he did not think it necessary to go to war with Japan, putting pressure on Japan might discourage further aggressive acts.

"For the first time I am in agreement with the President," he added.

Senator Claude Pepper, interventionist, said: "In dealing with the Japanese we can use no other language but force."—International News Service.

AFGHANS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN KABUL ON SATURDAY AGAIN DECLARED AFGHANISTAN'S NEUTRALITY IN THE PRESENT WAR.

The Government wished that there be no misapprehension abroad.

The declaration said that Afghanistan strictly adhered to her policy of perfect neutrality and maintained extremely cordial relations with the belligerent powers.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI EVACUATION RIDICULED

Reports that British nationals in Shanghai are preparing to evacuate the city are denied by responsible British quarters there, according to a dispatch received in Chungking.

These quarters, the dispatch says, characterise the reports as malicious propaganda and believe that Shanghai, as a metropolis of international character, will not be affected despite the present kaleidoscopic changes in the world situation. — Central News.

Channel Fighter Battle

AN AIR ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE OVER THE DOVER STRAITS YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON.

A British Air Ministry communique states: "During an offensive patrol over the Straits yesterday afternoon our fighters engaged a formation of enemy fighters.

"One of the enemy was destroyed and several others severely damaged but were not seen to crash because of low clouds and therefore their destruction cannot be confirmed.

"One of our fighters is missing." — Reuter.

DOMINION STATUS

The Indian Non-Party Leaders' Conference at Poona passed a resolution demanding complete reconstruction of the Viceroy's Executive Council and urging a declaration specifying the time limit where the new constitution for India will be inaugurated, according to the same status as Great Britain and the Dominions. — Reuter.

Decision Waited By East Indies

WHILE THE PRELIMINARY STEPS IN THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA ARE UNDER WAY, WITH TRANSPORTS LANDING TROOPS, AND WITH THE JAPANESE TAKING OVER AIR BASES AND THE CAMRANH BAY BASE, THE CRISIS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE NEW JAPANESE MOVE IS MARKING TIME.

The Netherlands East Indies are confidently awaiting the decision of the Netherlands Government in London which, it is already announced, cannot view the Japanese action with equanimity.

No announcement has yet been made to implement any action parallel to the Anglo-American freezing of Japanese credits, but business quarters in Batavia feel that something may be expected.

Pending clarification of the issue, business quarters are expected to hesitate before entering into any new commitments when business opens again to-day after the week-end respite.

Although a certain tension coincides in Batavia with the blackout which started yesterday, no nervousness whatever can be observed, and military preparations are being checked up as usual.

The Franco-Japanese agreement for the "joint defence" of

French Indo-China will be discussed at a meeting of the Committee of the Japanese Privy Council to-day, it was learned in Tokyo yesterday.

The agreement is expected to be ratified this afternoon at a meeting held in the presence of the Emperor.

Meanwhile, advice to the Japanese was offered by the Finance Minister, Mr. Matsuzaki, during a newspaper interview yesterday in Tokyo.

He said: "The people must not be dismayed at the action by the United States in freezing Japanese assets but place all their faith in their own government."—Reuter.

INDIAN HERO'S MODESTY

SECOND-LIEUTENANT P. S. BHAGAT, FIRST INDIAN TO BE AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS IN THE PRESENT WAR, ARRIVED IN INDIA YESTERDAY ON TWO MONTHS' LEAVE.

Looking extremely fit, Bhagat refused to say anything about himself but was full of praise for the part played by Indian troops in East Africa.

Broadcasting from the Bombay station of the All-India Radio, he spoke highly of the work of the Indian sappers at Jeren, Teclesan, Massawa and Amba-Alagi.

Wearing a miniature V.C. attached to a dark ribbon now, Bhagat will receive the Cross from the King Emperor.—Reuter.

CANADIAN SUPPLY OF BRITAIN

The rapid increase in Canada's exports of war materials and food to Great Britain and her allies was emphasised in a statement in Ottawa yesterday by the Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. James A. MacInnon.

Canada's export trade increased by 30 per cent. in June, and there was a similar increase for the first six months of the present year over the same period of last year.

Exports to the United Kingdom, during the first six months, increased by 28 per cent. and to the United States by 33 per cent. The increase to the Straits Settlements was 72 per cent. while that to the Netherlands East Indies had recently been doubled, and exports to the Philippines were up by 33 per cent.—Reuter.

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STIRRING MESSAGE TO BRITAIN FROM U.S.A.

"You Are Not Fighting Alone"

"TO-NIGHT BRITISH AND AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARE PATROLLING THE ATLANTIC ON PARALLEL LINES, WITH ONLY ONE OBJECT IN VIEW, NAMELY, TO GUARD THE WORLD'S LIFELINE," SAID PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PERSONAL ENVOY, MR. HARRY HOPKINS, DURING A BROADCAST FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Hopkins mentioned that the bomber in which he flew the Atlantic recently was accompanied by 20 other bombers, and he declared thousands of American aircraft had already been flown across the Atlantic or had been shipped to Britain.

"I came here on business which is the same as that of every other American, down to the man who drives a rivet in the shipyard, or runs a lathe in aeroplane factories—the business of safeguarding our heritage of freedom of thought and action."

Mr. Hopkins declared: "Right now Hitler is seriously threatening this heritage of ours."

"The President, speaking for the American nation, is rendering more than lip service to Britain. Even now American destroyers are plunging their bows into the waters of the North Atlantic."

Bridge Of Admiration

"Once this mighty ocean separated us. Now it joins us."

"The President is at one with Mr. Churchill in determination to break the ruthless power of that evil psychopathic of Berlin."

After declaring he had carried out President Roosevelt's instructions to find out just what Britain needed now and whether cargoes

were arriving safely, Mr. Hopkins continued:

"To-day the Atlantic is merely a channel. A bridge of friendship spans it."

"A bridge of sympathy and admiration extends from Washington to London, and although unseen, is so strong that all the powers of darkness and Nazi terrorism cannot destroy it."

"We no longer measure distance in miles. The Hun is only 21 miles from Dover, yet he and his pagan ways are 2,000 years away from Dover."

Tangible Form

"Like most Americans I feel that your fight is a fight for the freedom of the whole world and that it must not, and will not, fail."

"At one time you received messages of goodwill from America. The President realised that was not enough."

"He realised sympathy is human but that a Flying Fortress can drop more bombs. He knew admiration was pleasing but that a

U.S. ON LOOK OUT FOR SABOTAGE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Armed Coast Guards are patrolling Los Angeles harbour and the fish harbour, where 3,000 Japanese operate a fishing fleet.

Precautions have been taken against sabotage since the fishing fleet is anchored near the U.S. naval base docks and defence plants. International News Service.

destroyer could drop depth charges.

"The Lend and Lease Bill was the answer, putting our admiration and sympathies into tangible form and providing a weapon against the tyrant against the man who would enslave our Democracies."

"Until now Britain has not been told just what help America has given. Publication of exact figures might give the enemy valuable information and jeopardise the Atlantic lifeline."

Thousands Of 'Planes

"Now that lifeline is much stronger. No enemy action can now stop the ceaseless line of ships coming here daily, laden with something much more substantial than hope and sympathy."

During the past few months thousands of American-made aeroplanes have been flown across the Atlantic or shipped to Britain.

"A vast programme for building thousands of giant Boeing four-engined bombers is far advanced and Hitler will not be able to move his factories far enough to escape their devastating power of destruction."

"America has already sent several hundred tanks throughout your Empire. Many more are en route."

"Ocean-going ships, many of them oil tankers, have been transferred to Britain. The greatest merchant ship building programme ever undertaken is in progress."

American Promise

"Rivetting never stops night and day. We can promise there will be ships to carry food, oil and ammunition."

"To-day American-made tanks are caterpillaring over the sands of the eastern deserts. To-day every kind of American-made aeroplanes are roaring into combat wherever the Luftwaffe shows fight."

"To-day British factories are in full production using machine-tools made in America."

"Yet we realise our part to-day has not been great. Our contribution has been but a modest part in your great war effort."

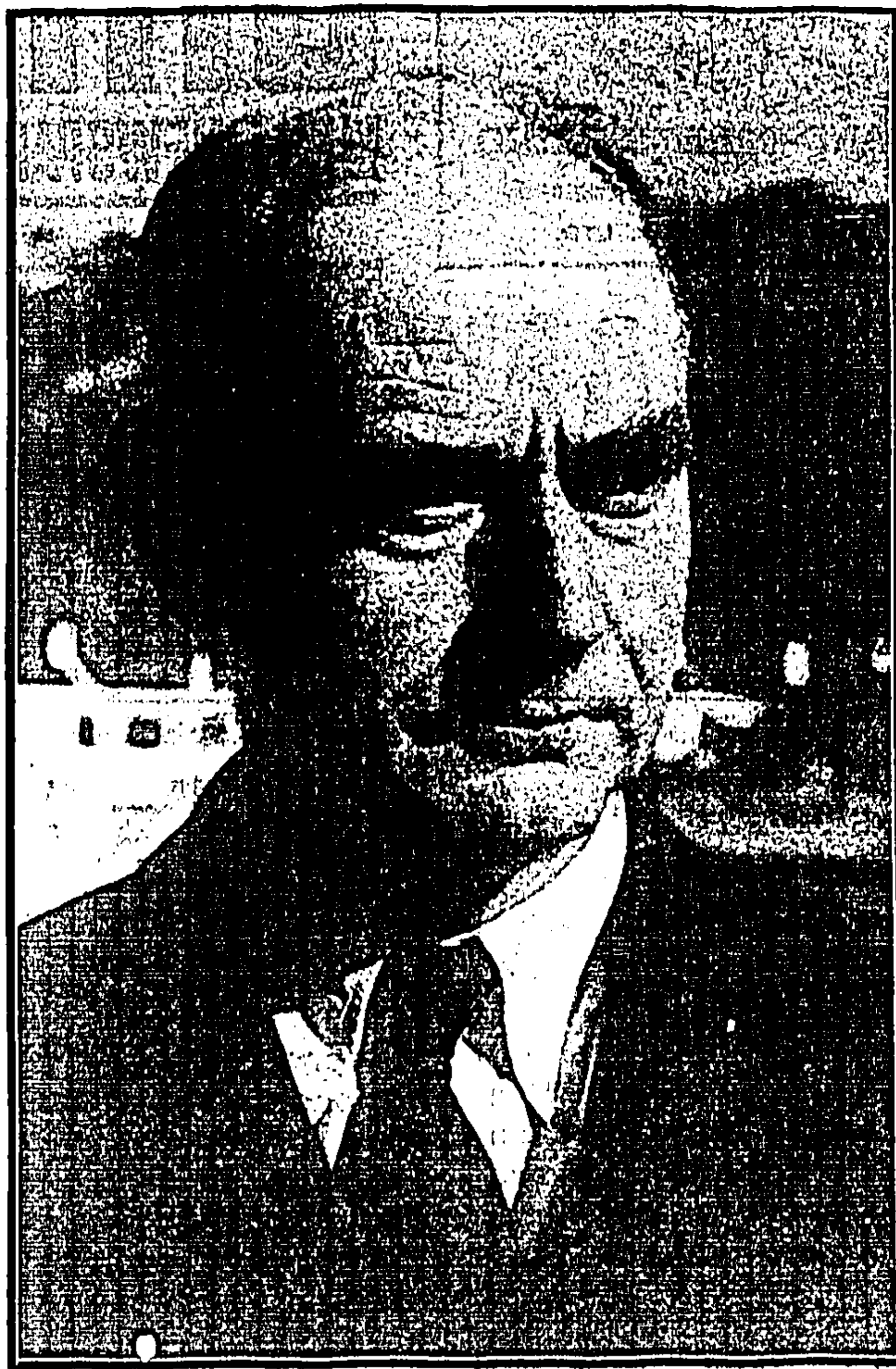
"Blood, toll, sweat and tears have been yours—not ours. We realise this and there is a reason for our apparent slowness."

Hands Joined

"Factories geared to peacetime production had to be converted overnight. It took time to realise that the war might be decided in the factories of Detroit and Los Angeles, in the Pittsburgh steel mills, in the Pennsylvania mines."

"That is realised to-day. American industry now joins hands with the men who work for Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Bevin in forgetting disputes, in limiting holidays, in sacrificing all for the common victory."

"I am not talking of the distant future, nor of estimates based



Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., who is leaving the Colony shortly to take up an appointment in India.

RAIN FINISHES JOB DONE BY BOMBS

Mr. Hollington Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity, his wife, and an American guest, Dr. Frank Price from Chengtu, were having breakfast on the ground floor when their residence suddenly collapsed. All escaped injury though covered with dust and debris.

Strong floors above held the debris a few seconds, just long enough for the three of them to make a dash into the yard. Mr. Tong's house was damaged during the recent bombings, and was rendered almost uninhabitable, though the building remained standing.

Dr. Price, an American missionary, from Chengtu, who was spending the week-end with the Tong family, was having breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Tong, when a heavy downpour started. Suddenly the roof came down and all three would certainly have been killed had it not been for the strong wooden floor above them which held the debris a few seconds, after which the building collapsed in a thundering crash audible a mile away.

Mr. Tong, who is in charge of China's international publicity, has many friends among foreign diplomats and journalists.

The narrow escape experienced by Mr. Tong must have been the experience of many others in Chungking for throughout the city the dull thud of collapsing buildings was audible as buildings damaged during recent bombings were unable to stand the heavy downpour.

However, while the rain is bringing untold miseries, and probably casualties, to the Chungking populace, farmers in the Szechuen countryside are jubilant as the eagerly-awaited rain finally arrived in time to save their crops.—Reuters.

Huge Quantities

"America has decided to decrease consumption of food and increase production. During the next 12 months huge quantities of cheese, pork, eggs, canned salmon, raisins, evaporated milk and concentrated fruit juice will arrive here."

"Thousands of miscellaneous articles important to the war effort are also on their way from aviation petrol to road-building machinery, chemicals of all kinds and metals."

"These are coming in increasing volume. The Lend and Lease Bill has given the President specific authority to foster this great programme of production and delivery."

"NOR DO WE FORGET TO LOOK TOWARDS THE EAST WHERE CHINA IS BATTLING VALIANTLY AGAINST THE FORCES MENACING DEMOCRACY. NEITHER ARE WE FORGETFUL OF THE MAGNIFICENT FIGHT THE RUSSIANS ARE PUTTING UP IN THE DEFENCE OF THEIR HOMELAND."

Delivery Will Be Made

"We Americans are determined to give China and Russia all possible aid—and immediately!"

"Mr. Churchill asked us for the tools. I promise you they are coming, that an endless assembly belt stretches from our western coast to Britain and to the Middle East and nothing will be allowed to interfere with the full efficiency of this supply line."

"The enormous amount of war material now en route will reach here safely. President Roosevelt promised that he will take steps to ensure the delivery of goods consigned to England. President Roosevelt does not give his word lightly."

"Peoples of Britain—the peoples of the British Commonwealth—you are not fighting alone." —Reuters.

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BLITZKRIEG A WASH-OUT

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FILM STARS HAVE LUCK CHARMS

They seldom admit they're actually superstitious but few motion picture folks will deny they don't possess some necromantic good luck charm or idiocratic habit which they keep with them constantly in their work.

The peculiarities may vary from new shoes. Joan Crawford insists on wearing for her first scene to Hedy Lamarr's practice of remaining abed on Friday, 13th, but nevertheless they all have 'em.

For instance, Sonja Henie won't live in a house having an odd number of front steps and Claudette Colbert exits from the same door through which she enters. Madeline Carroll will take highly uncomfortable hotel rooms just so their number add up to her lucky eight and Dorothy Lamour won't play a death scene.

Before entering the army, Jimmy Stewart wore the same shoes in each of his last 25 pictures. Brian Donlevy thinks wearing any clothing belonging to Clark Gable will bring him luck. Ann Sothern has an old wicker rocking chair she's kept in her dressing room for years, and Norma Shearer wouldn't part with the make-up table she first started with and Rosalind Russell refuses to discard a tattered dressing gown.

Scenarists who put wackey gags in film stories literally give John Carradine a pain. In "Blood and Sand" he had to gulp several whole hard-boiled eggs, and almost strangled. Propmen excavated the yolks and sealed the eggs with an edible — they then passed smoothly over Carradine's Adam's apple and, instead of strangling, all he had was a stomach ache.

A dentist who grew tired of tooth yanking and turned actor plays the role of a dentist in his next picture. He's Edgar Buchanan and he'll have to learn dentistry as it was done 50 years ago for the film "Texas."

If you've ever wondered why movie rain never drowns out the dialogue the answer is that it falls on an excelsior-covered floor.

"Smolensk Battle Will Be Studied For Many Years"

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT RECEIVED BY AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY SHOWS THAT DURING THE PAST WEEK THE OPPOSING LINES REMAINED PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED WITH THE RUSSIAN FORCES PUTTING UP A MAGNIFICENT DEFENCE. THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION FROM THE ARCTIC TO THE BLACK SEA.

The only advance worth mentioning has been a very slight one by the Germans on the Finnish front but this is so slight that it can be regarded as having no military significance.

News of the annihilation of two German divisions is claimed to be a very severe setback to the German invaders but it is pointed out that with the huge numbers of men now taking part in the fighting it must not be regarded as a major defeat for the Germans.

"We cannot yet give particulars about the vast Smolensk Battle, but we shall do it as soon as we have finally beaten the Germans there," declared the Vice-president of the Information Board, M. Lozovsky, at his press conference in Moscow yesterday.

"It is a battle that will be studied for many years," he added. Speaking of the raids on Moscow, he reiterated that only a small percentage of the German planes broke through to Moscow, and most of them perished. He thought the Germans could not keep it up.

Heavy Casualties

Remarking on the fact that many German bombers were brought down near Moscow with much petrol aboard, he said the Germans were mostly obliged to operate from distant bases, any new aerodromes near the front being subjected to continuous Russian bombing, involving the destruction of German machines.

Reverting to the war on land, M. Lozovsky said: "We inflict numerous casualties in killed and wounded, and also take many prisoners."

He also declared that details would shortly be given of the surrender of an entire Slovak mechanised regiment.

A Wash-Out

"THE BLITZKRIEG IS A WASH-OUT," HE ADDED. "WHEN WE DECLARED, IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE SURPRISE ATTACK, THAT THE LOSS OF CERTAIN TERRITORIES WAS NOT VITAL, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT WE EXAGGERATED."

"But the Soviet Union, with scores of industrial centres, can afford to lose a small proportion of her territory."

I asked M. Lozovsky (says Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow) for particulars of the bombing of the Ploesti pipe-line, in the centre of the Rumanian oil-fields, and he smiled, saying: "Ploesti, there is nothing left but the name."—Reuter.

Three Divisions Destroyed

Moscow reports that three Nazi divisions have been destroyed in the past few days and that a highly strategic island at the mouth of the Danube has been captured, while Russian troops along the entire front repulsed fresh Nazi onslaughts and counter-attacked at several points.

The sixth successive attempted mass air attack on Moscow failed, only a few raiders getting through the city's defences.

Most of the German bombs were dropped on the outskirts of the city. Six raiders were downed, out of the 100 which are estimated to have participated in the attack.

Daring Danube Feat

In a daring feat, threatening to outflank the southern anchor of the whole Nazi front and placing the Red Army in a position to strike at Rumania's chief Black Sea ports, a Russian torpedo-boat flotilla, covered by shore guns on the Bessarabian coast, seized an island identified only by the letter "K" in one of the Danube outlets.

HITHERTO REGARDED AS IMPREGNABLE, THE ISLAND WAS STORMED AND CAPTURED ONLY THREE HOURS AFTER THE SURPRISE ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED.

The Nazi and Rumanian defenders fought fiercely but were completely routed, and the Russian naval landing forces seized a large number of artillery pieces, machine-guns, munitions and equipment. — International News Service.

NAZI TRAIN DISASTER IN POLAND

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Soviet Information Bureau in Moscow announces that the Nazi Gestapo have made numerous arrests following a collision between German troop and freight trains near Warsaw.

More than 2,000 were killed and injured in the collision, it was reported.—International News Service.

DETECTIVE NOVELS LED TO CRIME

Declaring that they had indulged in reading detective novels, wished to impersonate heroes mentioned in the books, two Chinese school boys, aged 17, and from well-to-do families, tried to exonerate themselves in the First Special District Court in Shanghai on a robbery charge. They told the court that they had committed a crime in order to enable them to make a cash contribution to a school for poor children.

Judge Shih remanded the boys in custody and ordered the police to make further investigations. Accused are Wang Shi-wei of 22 Hwakee Avenue, Bubbling Well Road, who is a student of the St. John's University, and Soong

Sung-teh, student of a public school who lives at 331 Wuchow Road. Their counsel said that in the home of the first accused no less than 40 volumes of such books were found. Armed with an imitation pistol, knife and several ropes they set out to carry out their plan.

On Saturday, they went to the home of Mrs. Wong Chang-ying, 34 Hwakee Avenue, and robbed her and another occupant of nearly \$20,000 in cash and personal belongings. There was a pass book belonging to Mrs. Wong showing that she had deposited more than \$9,000 with the Ning-po Commercial and Savings Bank. It was alleged that after committing the crimes in which they bound the victims they sat in the victimised house drinking wine (which they previously bought themselves) and listened to radio music.

'GERMAN' ATTACK LAUNCHED ON ENGLISH CITIES

AT DAWN YESTERDAY the biggest "invasion" exercises ever staged in Britain began in and around Reading. While "German" planes roared over the town and parachutists descended, Fifth Columnists endeavoured to create a diversion.

At the same time, air borne troops, equipped with armoured vehicles landed in the neighbourhood.

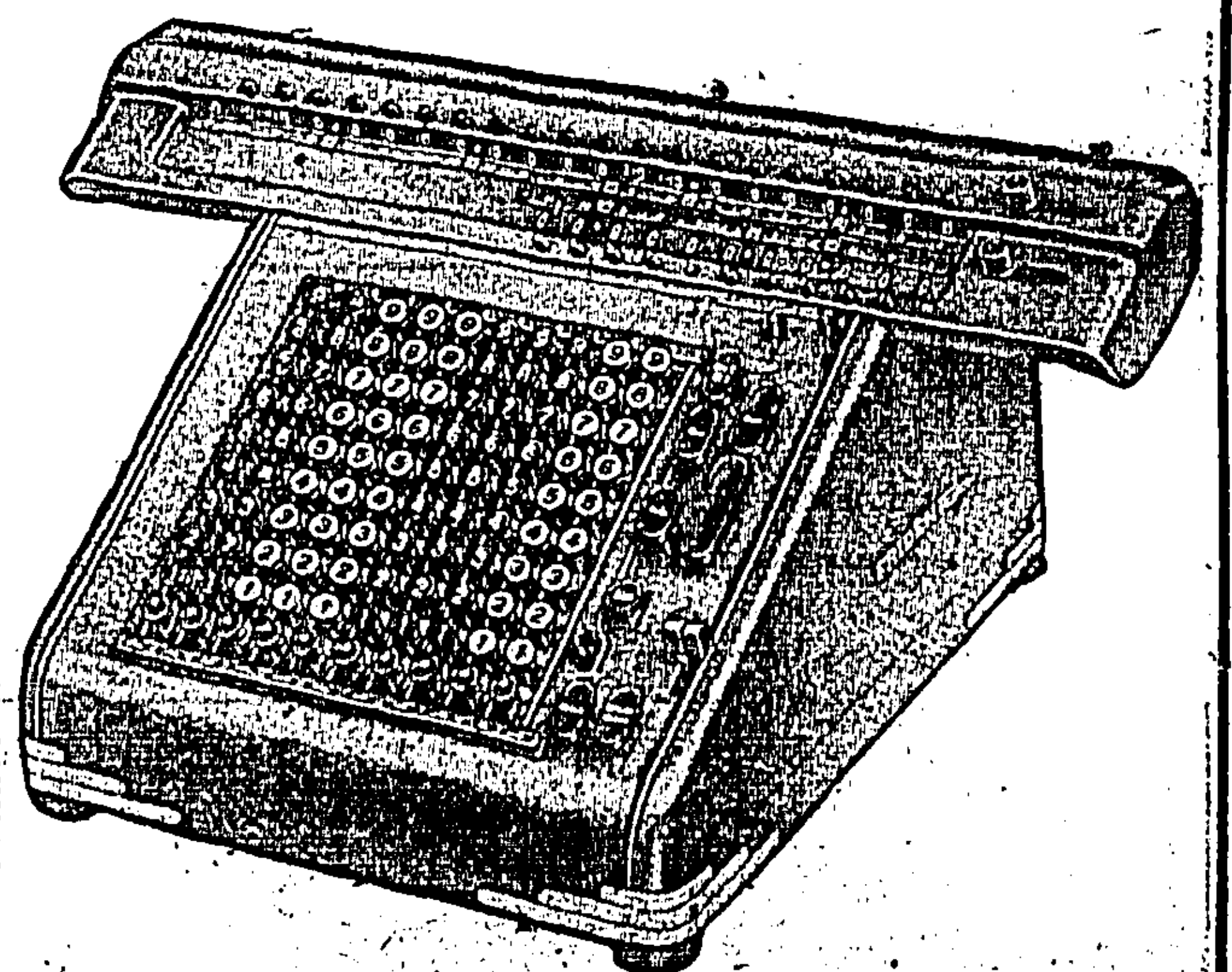
The Home Guard and Fire Service, and all other branches of the civil defence services took part, the Home Guards particularly distinguished themselves in the clever use of local knowledge to delay the "invaders" pending arrival of the heavily armed infantry.

Smoke screens, gas, tanks and all modern methods were introduced.

In London and Nottingham, large scale exercises were also carried out and spectators witnessed fierce street fighting between "invading" tanks and the Home Guards.—Reuter.

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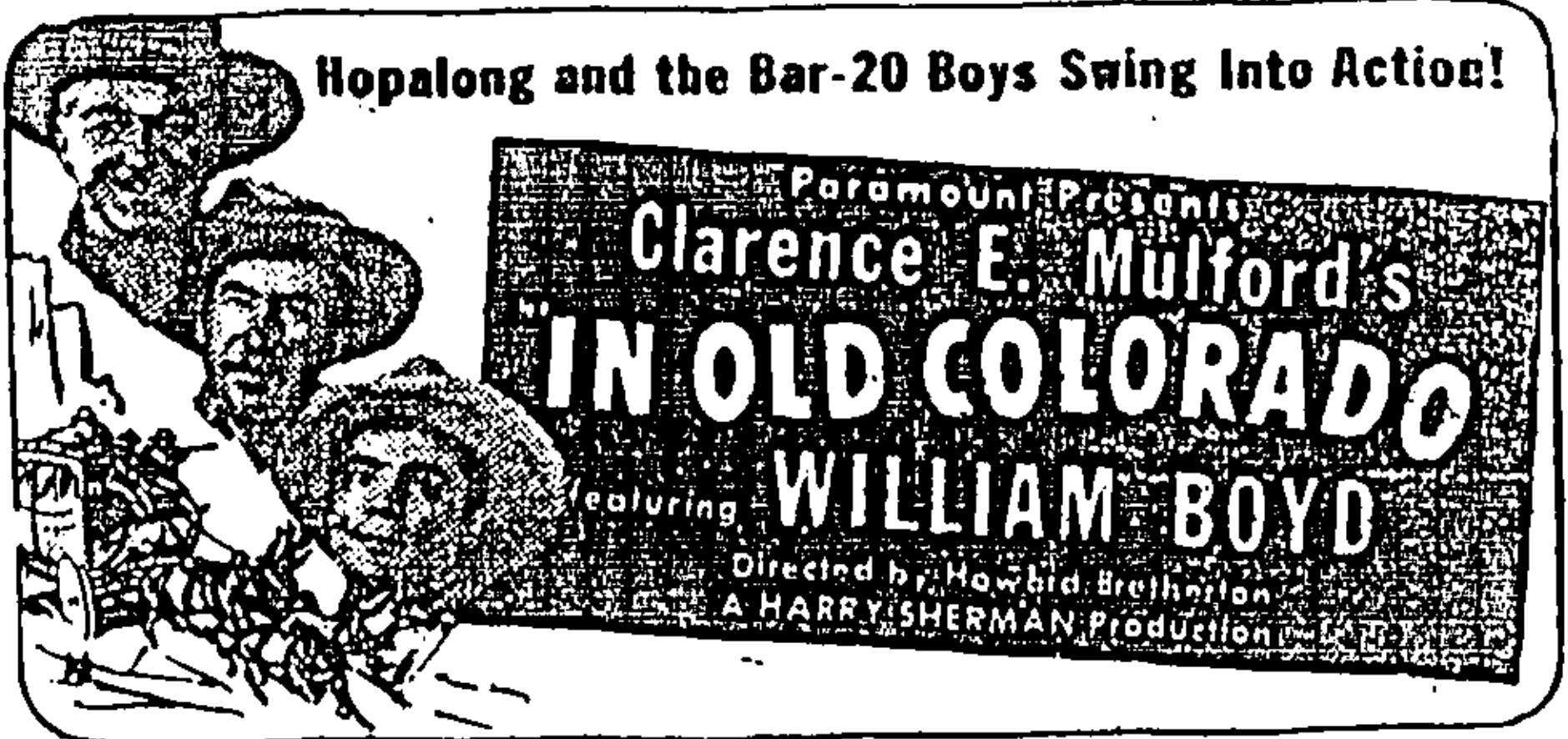
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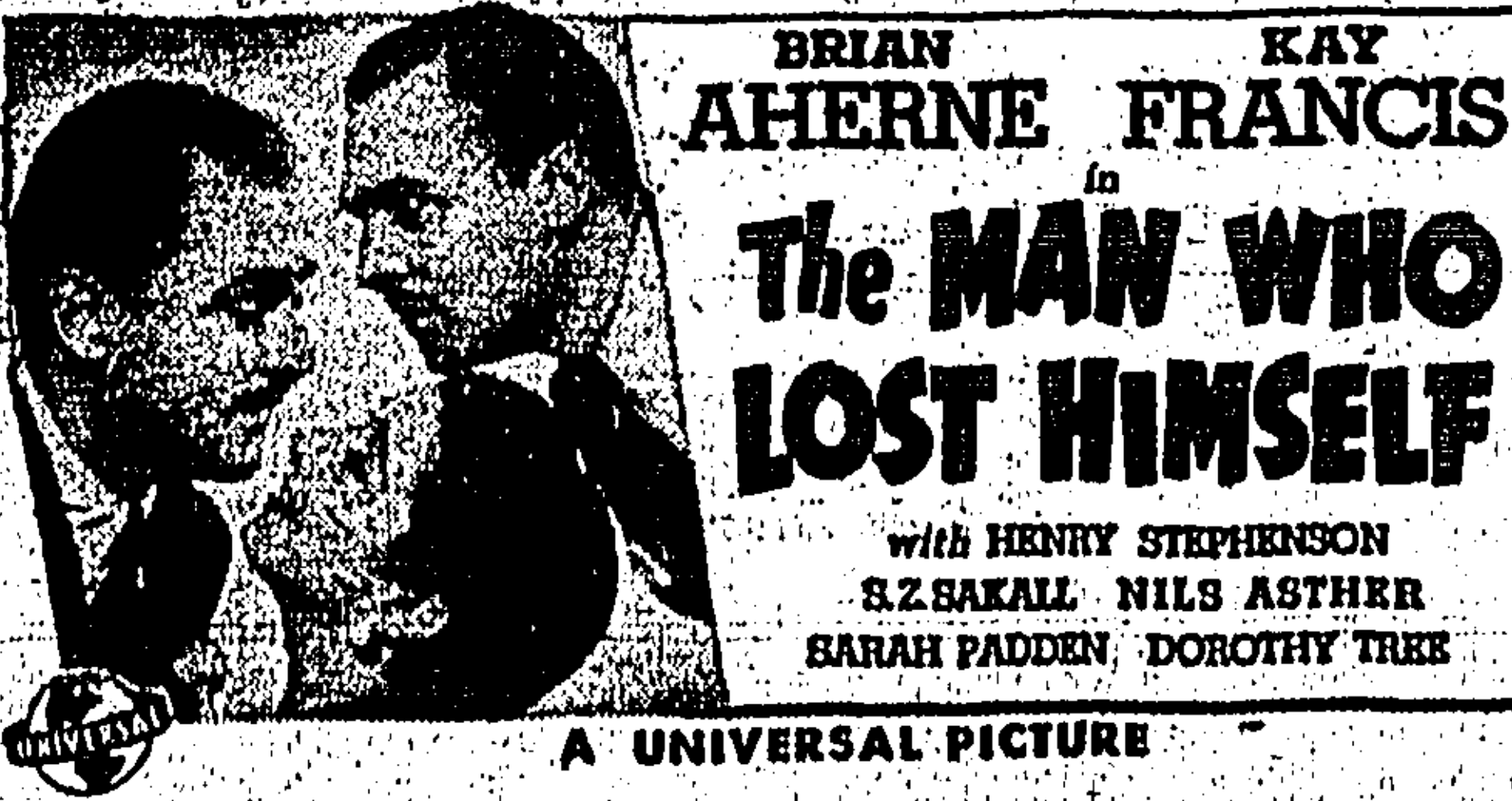
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A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

WOMAN, ALONE IN ENGINE ROOM, SAVED SHIP FROM NAZI BOMBER.

MISS VICTORIA A. DRUMMOND, a god-daughter of Queen Victoria and probably the only Englishwoman holding a marine engineer's ticket and using it to the admiration of that highly critical branch of the British merchant marine, recently ran the engine room of a British merchantman single-handed while the vessel dodged the bombs of a four-engined German plane.

Miss Drummond, who is forty-three years old and began her sea-going career in 1924 as junior engineer of Blue Funnel liners plying between England and Australia, has a way with engines. While the captain was pivoting his ship at the very instant the bomber was ready to release a missile, Miss Drummond, sprayed with hot oil and working in close proximity to a jet of live steam from a broken line, coaxed 12½ knots out of engines whose top speed never had been higher than nine knots. The speed was still going up when the bomber, having run out of ammunition and probably with its fuel getting low, gave up the chase.

Story Told In Letter

The story was told by an officer of the vessel in a letter to Francis W. Hirst, British economist, who forwarded it recently to Charles C. Burlingham, former president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The letter follows:

"Crew is made up of eleven different nationalities. The ship is well-found and comfortable in every way and the pay is very good, but I guess we earn it. We are not allowed to carry any armament—not even a shot-gun—but have good defences (or rather protections) in the way of steel and concrete shelters and a conning tower from which to direct operations when the going is hot.

"Our second engineer is quite a famous person—the only sea-going woman British engineer, I believe. She was sent here by the Ministry, who couldn't get another engineer to take on the job. She, as well as the C/E, self and Sparks, are all ex B.I. She was at one time 3/E of the Mulbera and has also been on the Blue Funnel boats to Australia. She had a very good job on shore in London, but gave it up to come back to sea for the war and served at Dunkirk and everywhere nasty you can think of. She is the most courageous woman I ever saw. She seems to be without fear or nerves. Her inside must be composed of steel wire and copper wire and catgut. She is very good at her job and has an uncanny power over the engines, for which I once thanked God. She gets from a half to three-quarters knot more out of the ship on the same fuel in her watch than any of the others. I once asked her how she did it and she said: 'Oh, I just talk nicely to them. You can coax or lead engines to do what you want; you must never drive them.' Which, of course, is as clear as mud. If some of the others did a spot of driving we might be across this ruddy pond a bit quicker. Nearly three blinking weeks it is, going 400 miles from land. A big four-engined brute went for us for thirty-five minutes till all his bombs and ammunition were exhausted and also he must have felt the breeze about his petrol, for we made him cover a few hundred miles in circles dodging after us.

Dodging A Bomber

"We met each other in the same way, by keeping on a steady course, and letting him get almost into a bombing position and then at the estimated time of release pushing the helm, if possible, to swing the ship at the second when he pulled the release. The scheme was so successful that three times he couldn't get into bombing position at all and had to do another big circle round. All were most damnably close and the noise and concussion hellish as the guns (he had two in two turrets, ahead and astern) kept going till near the end, when, apparently, they were out of ammunition, or seized up with heat.

"Everything breakable in the ship is in smithereens. We have

only a few cups and have to eat all off one plate at meals. All the phones and speaking tubes were put out of action, and clocks, electric light, etc., but she still floats and only makes a little water, which the pumps keep under. We had the joy of hearing on the Italian radio that night of our destruction by a German bomber—for the second time in three weeks, as before I joined the ship Haw-Haw announced she had been sunk in Portland Roads during the mass attack there (three bombs were aimed at her but missed).

"When it was all over and the black abomination had disappeared to the eastward, I, for one, felt dazed—it was so like a miracle. There was the same lovely cloudless sky and summer blue sea. The ship was still plunging along to the westward. Only the shattered splinters and rubbish showed that something had been doing. Besides Almighty God we have to thank the coolness and skill of the captain, who had to judge every order in terms of seconds and never once made a mistake; but perhaps, even more, that very noble lady, the 2/E. She took charge and in ten minutes she had "talked" to those engines to such good purpose that our miserable top speed of nine knots had risen to twelve and a half and was still going up when she eased down at the 'all clear.' That speed had never before been recorded in all her eighteen years.

How She Did It

"It is only in the last few days that I have heard what happened down below in that ghastly half hour. She was taking to the C/E and me on deck in her Sunday best uniform after breakfast, when the alarm gongs went. She went at once and took charge down below. After the first salvo, which flung her against the levers and nearly stunned her, she realised there was little hope. She told the engineers to open up the fuel injectors and to start others, and began opening the main steam injectors (throttle) bit by bit. Then calling the engine-room and stokehold staff she gave them the last order—pointing with her long arm to the ladder—'Get out.' She gave them a chance for their lives and stayed

NEW CORSETS FOR OLD?

Miss Joy Burley, expert in "figure glamour," is sponsoring the idea of rejuvenation service for women's corsets.

Shortage of these garments in England is likely to produce more heartburning among the feminine population than silk stocking dearth. Board of Trade said to be contemplating tightening up still further already rationed supply of corsets, hence Miss Burley's idea for a valeting system to enable women to do without new ones.

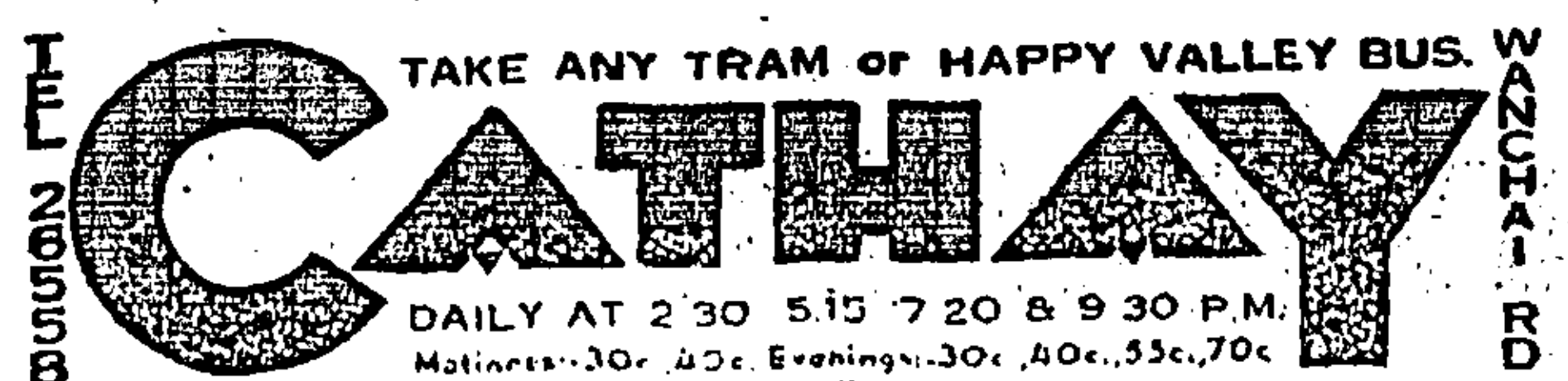
Young, slim, pretty, Miss Burley designed a special brassiere for the W.A.A.F.'s, now part of each member's equipment.

alone, where she knew she had none.

"It must have been pure hell down there. Two cast-iron pipes were fractured, electric wires parted, tubes broke and joints started, but her iron body and mighty heart stood it. The main injection pipe just above her head started a joint and scalding steam whizzed past her head. With any one less skilled down there that pipe would have burst under the extra pressure, but she nursed it through the explosion of each salvo, easing down when she judged from the nearness of the plane's engines that the bombs were about to fall, holding on for all she was worth to a stanchion as they burst and then opening up the steam again. If the pipe had gone she would have stopped and it would have been all up. By getting the speed it gave the helm a chance to move the clumsy hulk, which it wouldn't have had at less speed, and literally every second mattered in the swing.

"I saw her once during the action when I had to dodge along to the W. T. room and looked down the skylight, hoping to be able to shout a few words of cheer to her. She was standing on the control platform, one long arm stretched straight above her head and her hand holding down the spoke of the throttle control as if trying by her touch to urge another pound of steam through the straining pipes. Her face, as expressionless as the bulkhead behind her and as ghastly white in colour, was turned up toward the sunlight, but she didn't see me. From the top of her forehead, down her face, completely closing one eye, trickled a wide black streak of fuel oil from a strained joint. That alone must have been agony.

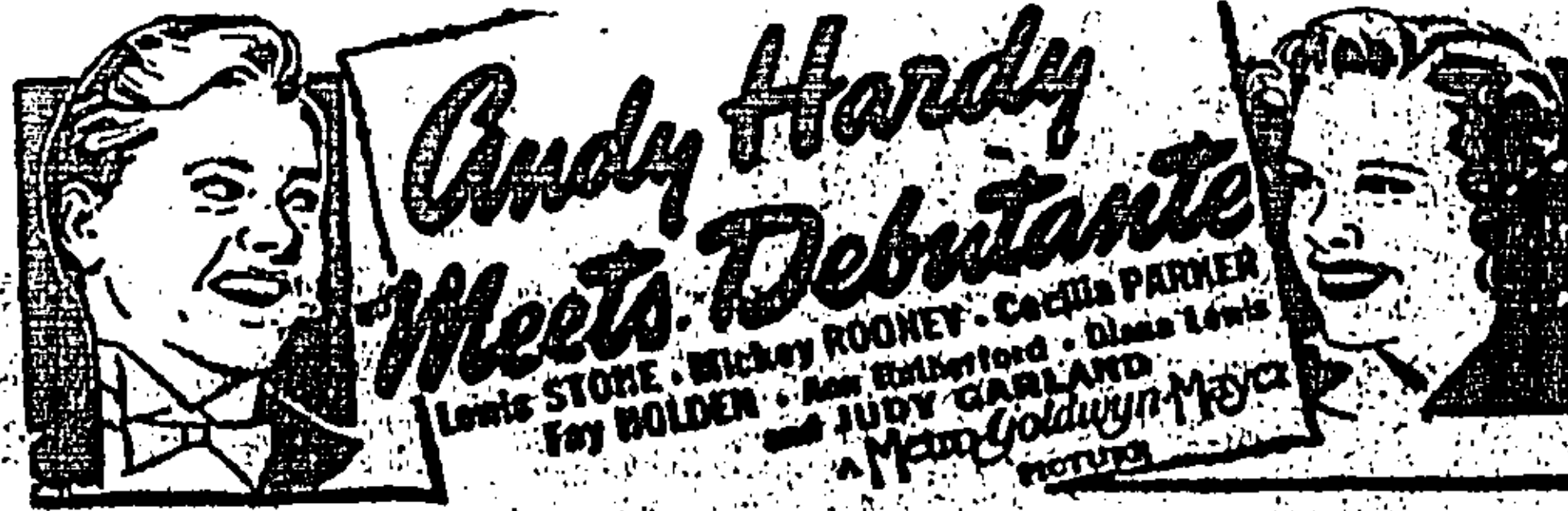
"She had jammed her ears at first with oily waste to deaden the conclusion and then, in a panic, tore it out again for fear she would not hear some vital order from the bridge—not knowing that all connection with the bridge was cut. She was about all in at the end, but within an hour was full of beans and larking about picking up spent bullets and splinters. All around her, by the way, the platform was littered with bullets that came down from the skylight. They still sweep some every day. "Cheer-oh."



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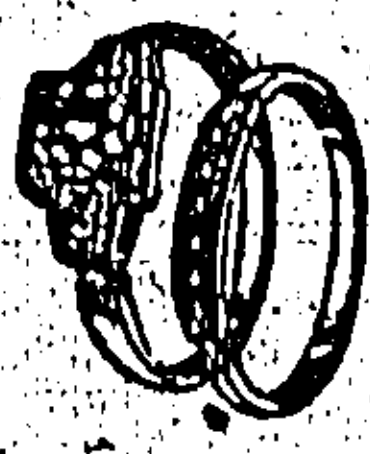
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LEADERS DESERT CONGRESS

Resignation from Congress of Mr. Munshi, former Home Minister in the Bombay Congress Government, followed by that of Dr. Satyapal, who was a member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, is regarded by competent observers as an indication of growing dissatisfaction with Mr. Gandhi's policy amongst his own followers.

In a resignation statement to the Press, upon which the influential Congress organ "Hindustan Standard" congratulated him, Dr. Satyapal pertinently asks: "What harm can accrue from our helping the British to win a war to save us from the evil fate of foreign invasion?"

He suggests that non-cooperation by Congress is more apparent than real because he states Congressmen are pestering the gaol authorities for release on

ALSATIANS TOLD TO DROP FRENCH NAMES

THE RUTHLESSNESS of Nazi efforts to convert Alsace-Lorraine, proclaimed in France as "the dearest provinces" of that country just before their re-annexation by Germany into German provinces is significantly illustrated by a document which reached the New York "Herald Tribune" recently.

Its authenticity cannot be doubted. It is a letter from a German police official in charge at Strasbourg to an Alsatian living in a neighbouring district and contains the "request" that the addressee drop his French name and adopt a German one, "or else." A translation of the letter, dated last February, follows in part:—

parole and for facilities to carry on business from goal. They are securing heavy contracts for their relatives and seeking Government employment for them. Dr. Satyapal expressed complete lack of confidence in the civil disobedience movement and stated that Congress had converted itself into a "rights dictatorship."

The Lahore newspaper, "Tribune," which is also a Congress organ, gives currency to a report that the Congress President has expressed his dissatisfaction with the civil disobedience movement in a letter to Gandhi. — British Wireless.

"You have omitted hitherto to appear before the district commissary in authority for your place of residence and put in an application for you and your family to change your French name. In the new German Alsace it is unbearable that citizens have a French name. Profession of loyalty to Germanism is contingent upon having a German name. On Alsatian territory there must be a particular clarity in every respect; those who still have a French name manifest a French attitude.

"A Duty"

The writer goes so far as to tell the addressee that it is his duty "as a patriot" to change his name. "Every one who wishes his homeland and his people well must regard it as his patriotic duty to adopt a German name" the letter continues. "In doing this he erects the grandest memorial to his fathers and forefathers. Hereby you are once more offered a chance to produce evidence of your German way of thinking."

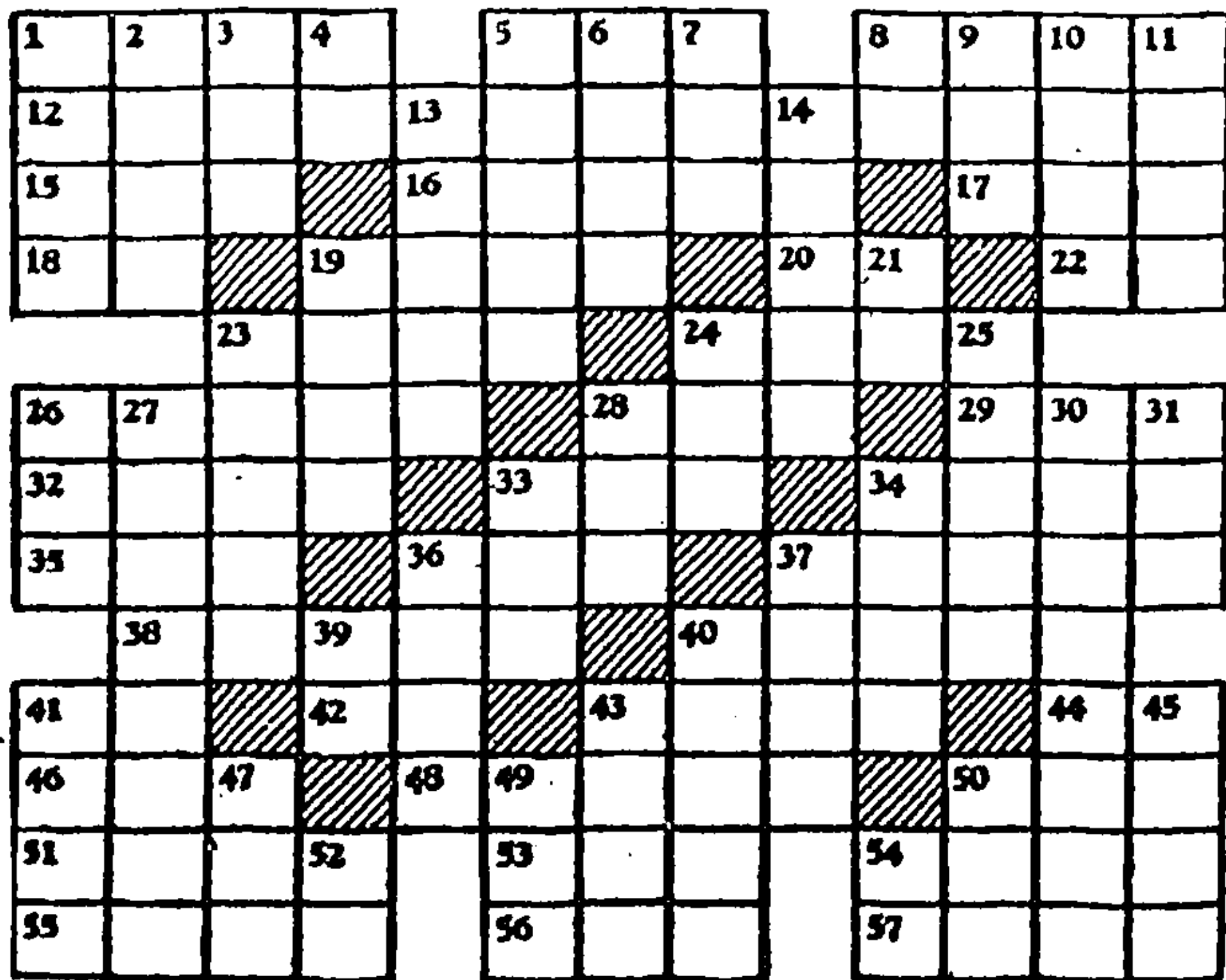
It seems that the German official had some doubts about the effectiveness of his argument, for he assumed a threatening tone in the last part of the letter: "For the last time you are requested herewith to move WITHIN EIGHT DAYS for a change of your French first or family name before the Bureau of the District Commissary on . . . March, 1941, at 3 p.m. and submit the reason for your refusal.

"Your non-appearance in that case will result in your being brought before the commissary by force. Signed . . ."

It may be noted that the letter provides for a change of the French first or family name of the addressee, which indicates that it is a copy of a circular letter which probably was sent out in numbers.

The pressure brought on these former citizens of France to adopt German names recalls the storm of indignation that swept Germany when Benito Mussolini ordered German families in the formerly Austrian Tyrol to adopt Italian names after the Italians annexed that region as a result of the Treaty of St. Germain in 1919.

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HORIZONTAL
1 To cripple
6 Arabian garment
8 Repast
12 Unreliable
15 Confederate general
16 Stale
17 Club
18 Note of scale
19 To deceive
20 Proposition
22 Therefore
23 Abraded
24 Explosive missile
26 Edge
28 Colour
29 Division of a play
32 Kill
33 Vast age
34 Malaysian craft
35 Ibsen character
36 Fear
37 Onward
38 Grecian island
40 Fetters
41 Sun god
42 Seal
43 To, redact
44 Whether
46 Cloth measure
48 Greek mythological character

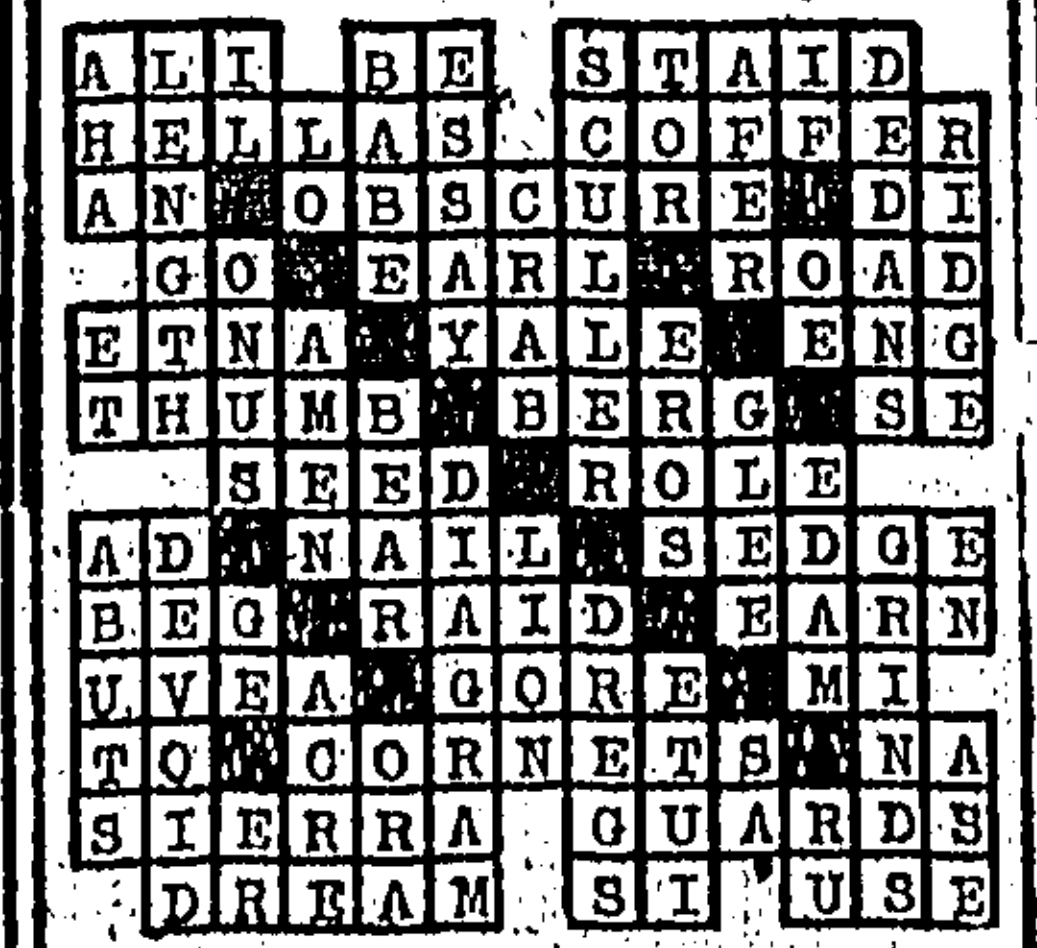
50 Room in a harem
51 Winglike
53 Girl's name
54 Above
55 Stringed instrument
56 Hindu symbols
57 To reveal

VERTICAL
1 Tenth of a cent

2 Plane surface
3 Wrath
4 Pronoun
5 Protective covering for clothing
6 To bubble up
7 Emmet
8 Note of scale
9 To recede
10 Cry of sorrow

11 Mother of Apollo
13 Long-legged bird
14 Surgical thread
19 Receptacle for holy water
21 Sacred Hindu word
23 More learned
24 Small cake
25 Nobleman
26 Large snake
27 Knavish
28 Deer
30 To reflect upon
31 Label
33 Sheep
34 To conspire
36 Small particle
37 Solo
39 Spanish article
40 Perfect
41 Actual
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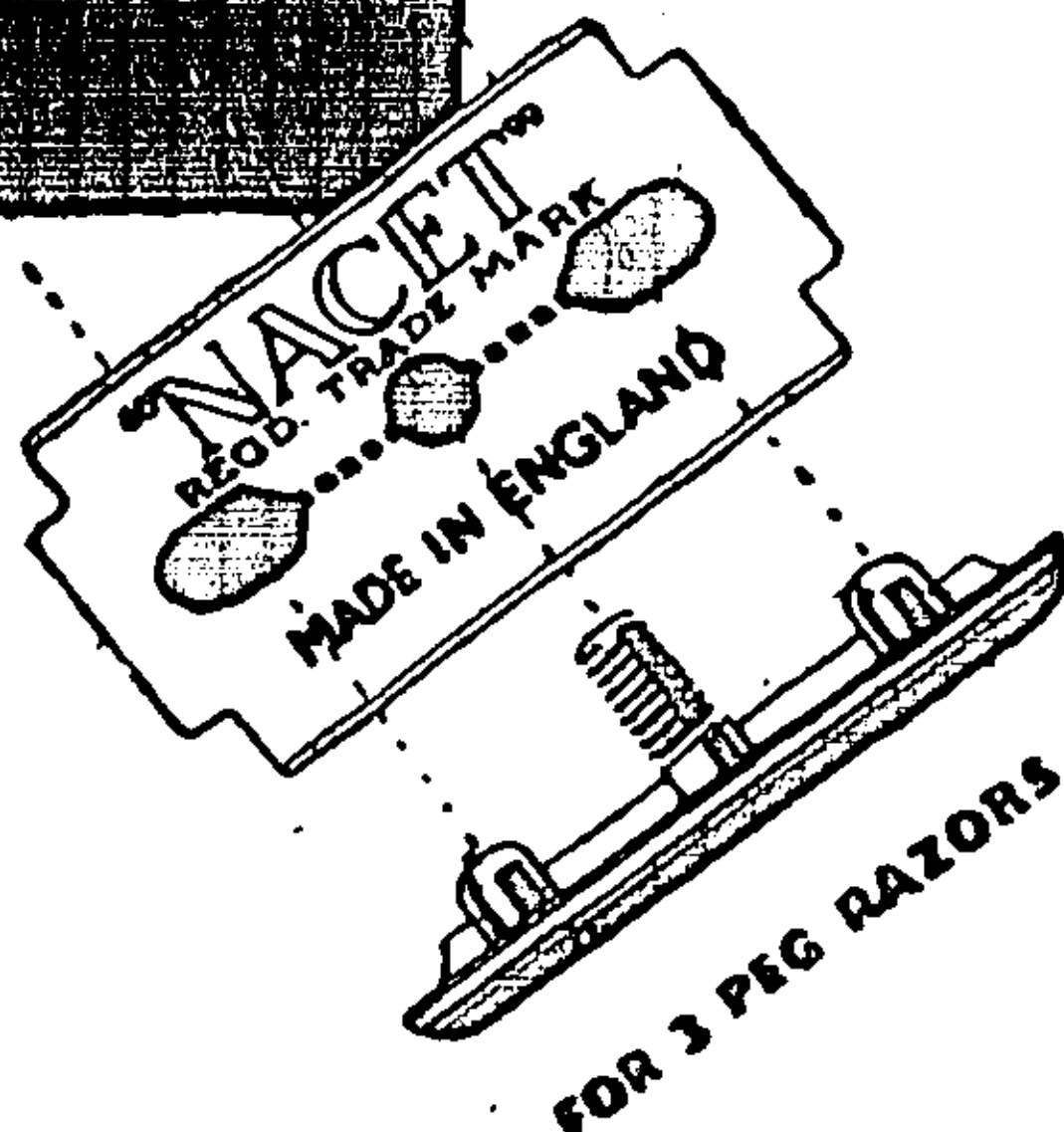
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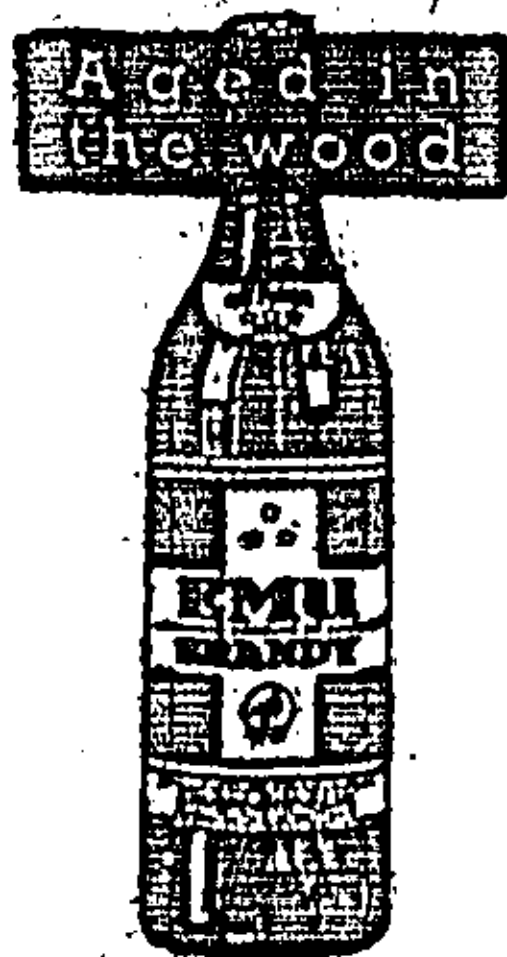
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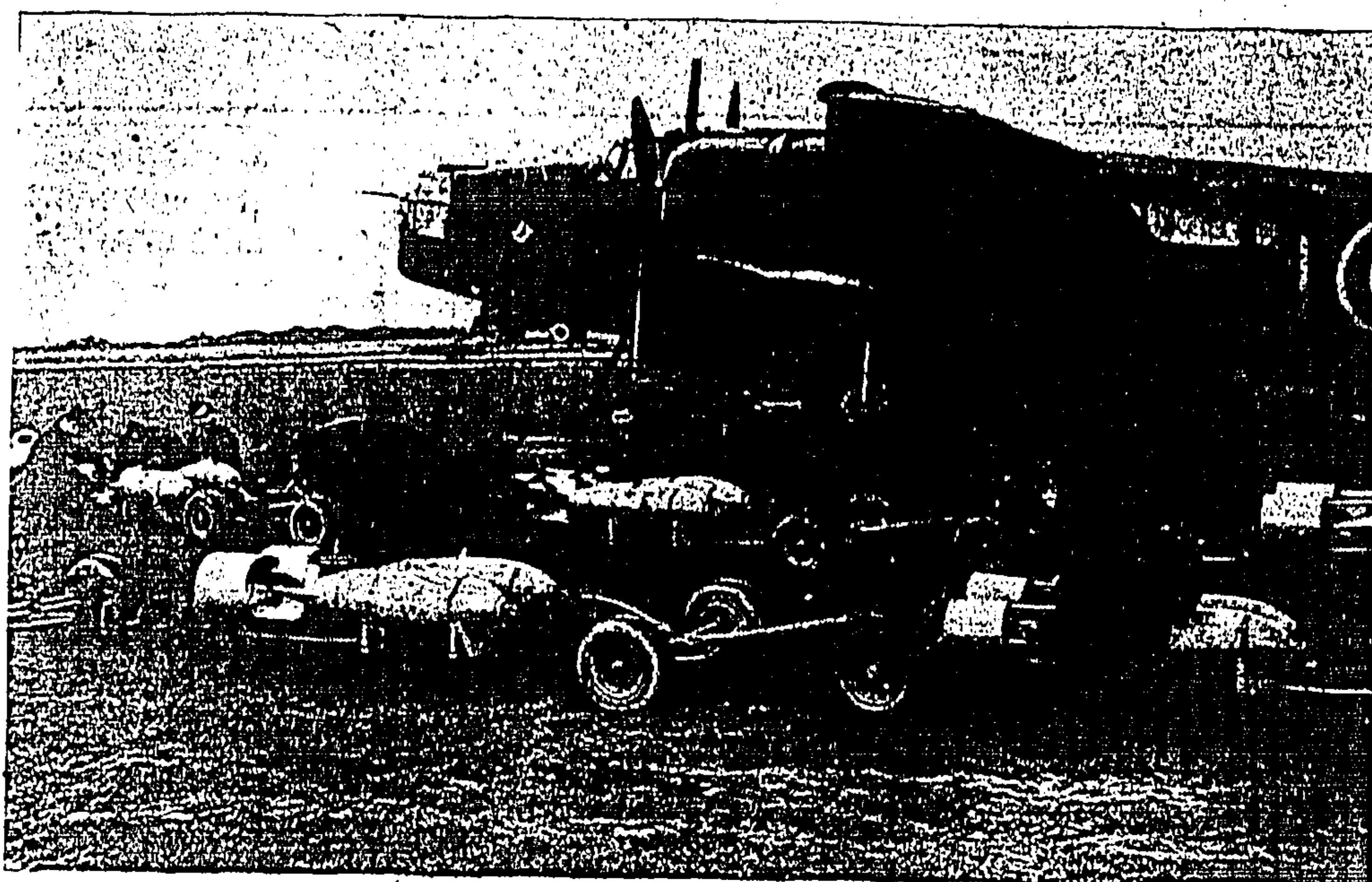
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AFTER FASHION OF NAZI OCCUPATION OF DENMARK

JAPANESE OCCUPATION of Indo-China, ostensibly effected at the invitation of Vichy for assistance in defending Indo-China against British aggression, and in virtue of an agreement between Vichy and Tokyo which was yesterday the subject of lengthy communiques issued in both centres, is recognised everywhere as an act of aggression which in kind differs but little from German occupation of Denmark.

Vichy's "invitation" was given with the same freedom as that of a traveller who surrenders his purse to a highwayman.

Outside Axis countries and probably to large extent within them, no responsible students of affairs are deceived by the gloss which Japan has attempted to put on her aggressive act and in France no less than in Indo-China, the French people will doubtless treat with contempt the efforts which Darlan and his associates are making to give a semblance of dignity to an act which in fact constitutes a new humiliation.

Some surprise is expressed in London that there should even be an attempt on the part of Japan with the open concurrence of Vichy to represent this move as a defensive measure against non-existent threats from Britain and America.

As the Foreign Secretary remarked in the Commons on Friday: "Propaganda of this kind is a customary prelude to fresh acts of violence by the Axis and their associates."

Parallel Action

The two great Powers, Britain and the United States, whose interests are affected in similar ways by Japanese action have moved swiftly in the face of the potential threat. The action taken by both, after close consultation, is on parallel lines, and the freezing of Japanese assets by both the United States and Britain has already been announced.

The Netherlands Government have been kept fully informed and announcements on their behalf following consultation with the Netherlands East Indies are awaited.

Washington reports state that freezing measures which immediately affect Japanese holdings in the United States are estimated to involve some £50,000,000 in Japanese export and import concerns and marks the first of a series of economic moves.

In London, the freezing is achieved as the result of measures already reported.

Washington Statement

A White House statement explains that the "measure in effect

brings all financial and import and export trade transactions in which Japanese interests are involved under the control of the Government and imposes criminal penalties for violation of the order."

The statement adds that China, although a friend of U.S.A., is included "at the specific request of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and for the purpose of helping the Chinese Government."

The step is apparently intended to make the freezing order effective in the Japanese-occupied portions of China.

It was also announced early yesterday that the Netherlands Government in London are in consultation with the Dutch East Indies authorities in Batavia regarding the measures to be taken in view of the Indo-Chinese situation.—British Wireless.

THOMPSON TO TEACH AT U. OF VIRGINIA

Randall Thompson, one of America's foremost composers and for 10 years Director of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, has been elected Professor of Music and head of the Division of Music in the School of Fine Arts of the University of Virginia.

Dr. Thompson, who will join the faculty in September, will fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Arthur Fickenscher, head of Music Division for 21 years.

Dr. Thompson is a native of New York. He received an AB degree at Harvard in 1920, and Masters Degree in 1922. He was a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome from 1922 to 1925. He also studied composing under Ernest Bloch in New York for several years. The degree of Doctor of Music was conferred upon him in 1933 by the University of Rochester.

BOWL OF RICE CAMPAIGN

On Friday next, all Chinese restaurants contributing to the China Defence League's "Bowl of Rice Campaign" will be serving "Bowl of Rice Lunches" to those who buy the tickets now on sale in many centres in Hong Kong. The Campaign, which is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, is for productive relief of Chinese refugees in the Yellow River region, through the establishment of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. The Committee hopes to sell 20,000 tickets in all, making a relief fund of HK\$40,000.

On Saturday morning, in the Coffee Room of the Gloucester Hotel, a group of Hong Kong ladies met at tea to discuss arrangements for selling "Bowl of Rice tickets." Hostesses were Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Secretary of the League, Miss Mon-sing Liao, and Mrs. Chen Han-seng, representing the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. Among those present were Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. M. P. Wong, Mrs. K. C. Yeo, Mrs. Pearl Sung, Mrs. Wong Man, Miss Doris Chan, Mrs. Julia Wang, Mrs. Elsie Soong, Miss Mimi Lau, Miss Adele Lee, Mrs. M. W. Kwan, Miss Maple J. Quon, Miss Constance Lum, the Misses Annie, Zaza and Ada Suffad, Miss Lo Pui Kin, Mrs. J. M. Tan, Mrs. Rose Tan, Mrs. Y. M. Wen, and others. Mrs. Chen exhibited specimens of the work of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives with samples of towels, uniforms and shoes they were making for Chinese soldiers, and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke asked for assistance in helping to sell tickets in various Hong Kong hotels and restaurants.

During this week, Bowl of Rice tickets will be on sale at the following places in Hong Kong (thanks to the kind permission of the managers and proprietors): Hong Kong Hotel, Gloucester Arcade, St. Francis Hotel, Cafe de Chine, Ying King Restaurant, Golden City, Kwong Chow Hotel, Golden Dragon, Kin Kwok Restaurant, Hotel Cecil, Hotel Metropole, and other central sites. The Town Office of the Bowl of Rice Campaign, where tickets and information may be obtained, is at the Compradore's Office, Belgium Bank, 4a Des Voeux Road, (Phone: 33354).

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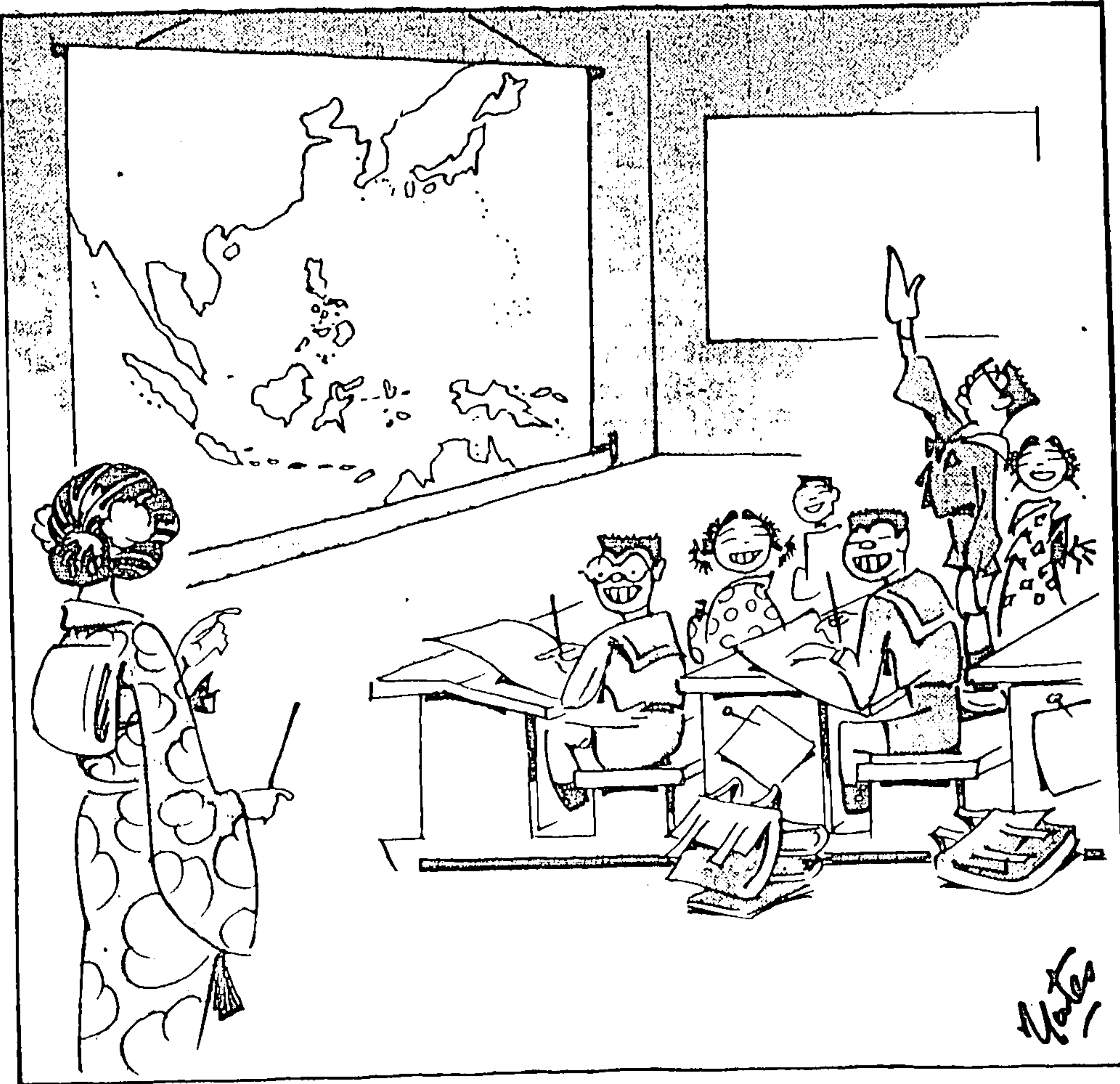
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NAZIS IN NORWAY

Fresh evidence of what happens to the people of a law-abiding and peaceful country when the German Army has crushed out organised resistance and the Nazi Gestapo has taken over control is supplied in the documents seized in the British raid on the Norwegian Lofoten Islands and summarised in a White Paper. All freedom has vanished in Norway. The Gestapo rules supreme, with the native police coerced into acting as its instrument. Gestapo authority is practically unlimited. It may forbid a Norwegian to practice his trade or profession, prohibit assemblies or judicial inquiries, suspend pensions, levy prices, or confiscate all a man's possessions and send him to gaol or to his death. Even the conquering army is instructed not to interfere with the new misrule. It may act only if called upon to enforce compliance with Gestapo edicts.

Yet careful reading of the documents reveals something more; something which German propaganda would hardly wish the world to know. Norwegians, despite close espionage and the severest regulations, are still fighting back as best they can. A letter of instruction to the German police complains of Norwegian unwillingness to accept domination and their set determination to remain anti-German. "At the critical moment," it says, "they pursue a deliberate policy of holding back and waiting to see in order to gain time." They make "only a pretence" of falling in with German policies—policies which would relegate them to the role of obedient serfs of their German masters. Their old organisations have been dissolved and prohibited, yet they refuse to go in under the petty quislings and promoted traitors placed in authority over them. Wholesale arrests have failed to prevent sabotage; strikes do take place. Norwegian homeholders refuse to take in Germans seeking lodgings and persist in boycotting the few pro-German Norwegians.

Nazism is finding it a tough job to remold this sturdy people to its pattern of subservience. There is evident in these papers an uneasiness as to what will happen in Norway when the tide turns against the whole dictatorial system.



TEACHER: MENTA-SAN, WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE?
MENTA-SAN: PLEASE TEACHER, WE HAVEN'T YET READ THE MORNING PAPER.

Wind, Sand--- And War

IN the Solum area our patrols were again active," says the Cairo communique. That does not tell much except that the war still is on in this burning waste of sand, rock and desert scrub through which runs the Libyan-Egyptian frontier, marked by Mussolini's barbed-wire fence. But behind such brief and vague communiques is bravery and endurance in the midst of extreme physical hardship and ceaseless nervous strain which must be seen to be fully grasped.

Perhaps the nature of the fighting in this desert can best be understood if the setting is sketched first.

The Western Desert is one of the most disagreeable places which ever became the stage for a military campaign. It has none of the relieving beauty often found in the Sahara or our own South-western desert. Except along the Mediterranean shore where the turquoise waters break over jagged white rocks and roll in on sandy beach, as at Mersa Matruh, where ages ago Cleopatra used to go bathing with Antony, it is stark ugliness.

From Solum southeastward runs a ridge sharply dividing the coastal plain from the desert plateau. The only towns are sun-baked settlements paced along the railway which hugs the coast and highway, now badly marked by British naval guns, which carries on westward from the railhead at Mersa Matruh. After Mersa Matruh there is not a whole building among all these towns. They were utterly wrecked in last Winter's fighting.

On the escarpment—the desert plateau—there is nothing but hundreds of miles of dead plain. There is no water except from rare brackish wells, nothing to make human life possible. Even the Bedouins, who apparently could scratch out a living from the surface of the moon, have not tried to live much in this waste. Occasionally you encounter a herd of gazelles, which flourish in the barest desert; scorpions, and deadly little vipers—the asp which Cleopatra put to her bosom. Little else is living.

This is the season of the Khamsin, that hot wind which sweeps northward from the depths of this desiccated plain and is as willing as the breath from a furnace. It punishes and depresses. The Bedouins say that five days

of the Khamsin justify any one in murdering his wife.

The temperature usually is well over 100, and if the wind, as it often does at this season, kicks up a sand storm, it creates an inferno which it needs a Dante to describe.

Sand, pulverised to the fineness of flour, gets into everything. It is septic and slight scratches become festering sores.

The detailed ordnance maps show place names on the escarpment, but these names usually indicate only a point where faint caravan tracks cross, perhaps the tomb of some Arab saint. There are a few fortresses built by the Italians, such as Capuzzo, which

By
Harold Denny

are the scene of frequent patrol encounters, and Soffa on the height at the edge of the escarpment.

Distances are staggering. From Cairo to Solum is 275 miles as the bomber flies. From Solum to Benghazi it is almost as far. From Benghazi to Tripoli it is nearly 600 miles. Over these vast expanses both the British and Axis generals must move men, munitions, food and water. So when you read that one side or the other advances, say, thirty miles, it means little.

Journeying from Cairo to the front you see British activity everywhere, but for military reasons little of it can be described here. Far out in the desert you come upon advanced headquarters so well hidden you might walk over it without knowing it. Deep below the ground officers pore over maps and order new dispositions for the men up forward as spluttering messages inform them of the shifting situation.

In another dugout a high R.A.F. commander plots the movements of his fliers on map. He is in almost minute-by-minute contact with them, now ordering a bombing squadron to go to the aid of some British column having a hard time, now dispatching fighters to shoot down and drive off German bombers punishing a British ground unit.

Further forward you call on the general who is directly commanding the British columns which are trying to counter the

German advance or carry the battle back to Mussolini. He lives in a trailer captured from some Italian general in the British offensive of last Winter. It is one of a number of widely dispersed vehicles standing in the open plain. In it the general has a bedding roll, a little table on which to work and an electric light. That is about all. His meals are brought from the cook tent some yards away.

Some distance in another direction is headquarters—a camouflaged tent pitched against the side of a radio car—to which come reports from the columns far forward and from which go the general's orders.

The general refreshes you with tea while he tells you about the latest developments up ahead. Then you again climb into the army truck, your rations and bedding roll are packed in, and you go bumping off over the unholy trail—slabs of rock interspersed with hummocks where the desert scrub has caught the drifting sand—to join up with one of those columns.

You arrive there with luck. The column is bivouacking for the evening meal and a few hours' rest. It is spread out over a considerable area to cut down losses should the German bombers pay a call.

These columns have no bases. Their only contact with the outside world and with the rear is the supply columns which bring up water—severely rationed—food and ammunition to the rendezvous appointed by the radio. Officers and men sleep on camp beds, roll up in blankets in the open or build themselves nests in the trucks. They wrap up warmly, for usually it is bitterly cold at night, even though the day has been roasting. But often their nights are sleepless, for the camp must always be in readiness to defend itself, and every night British patrols are out searching for Germans.

Usually the mission of these patrols is not to fight to a finish but to harass the enemy, try to catch him unawares, inflict casualties, smash his equipment, then race away into the depths of the desert before he can strike back.

The morale, courage and endurance of these British desert fighters are beyond praise. Many of them have been campaigning constantly for seven months without

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GRAPHIC DETAILS OF CAPTURE OF DEIROZZOR

AN INDIAN ARMY observer who has just returned to Simla gives graphic details of the capture of the Vichy stronghold of Deirozzor, principal town of East Syria.

"Our main column", he said, "reached within two miles of the city on July 3 morning. A large formation of Vichy 'planes gave the sepoys their baptism of aerial bombardment but it is remarkable how quickly Indian troops have adapted themselves to aerial warfare.

By midday Deirozzor was in our hands. The whole assault was skilfully planned and perfectly executed. Sikhs, Ghurkas, Punjabs, Marattis, Pathans, Madras, Dogras and British troops all played a leading part in the operation.

"You have achieved the incredible," testified an amazed Vichy officer captured with Vichy troops by two Indian battalions when they captured strong Vichy positions just before Damascus.

An observer says: "I can say without flattery that Indian troops have done something which no troops could have done better and few could have done so well.

"Free French officers at a conference preceding the battle were

highly sceptical of success. A direct assault without artillery preparation, tanks or air bombardment? They shrugged their shoulders. And with one battalion? They raised their hands and looked at each other. But the Indians had done it."

It was their show because a battalion commander temporarily commanded the brigade.

"Next day at 7 p.m., the battalion proceeded to seize Jebel-madam another strong enemy position not very far off which soon after dawn next day was ours.

"The operations were daringly conceived and planned and admirably executed. These troops were later mainly instrumental in the capture of Damascus.—Our Own Correspondent.

SIGNS OF SEVERE LOSSES

One of the signs by which the world knows that the Luftwaffe command is conscious of receiving severe punishment is the publication of claims to have destroyed vast numbers of British aircraft.

This symptom of extreme uneasiness first became apparent during the Battle of Britain, when the Nazis used to publish figures which were almost exactly the reverse of the facts.

In greater or lesser degree the same tendency has been manifest in the intervening months and became more noticeable as the weight of the R.A.F. attack increases.

Thus on Wednesday the Germans claimed 54 R.A.F. machines had been brought down over the Channel, the number of which was increased by ten on Thursday night.

Actually the R.A.F. lost 15 aircraft in Wednesday's engagements—10 fighters and five bombers. Thursday's magnificently success-

PRINCESS OF WALES

Can Princess Elizabeth become known as the Princess of Wales?

A committee of leading Welsh men and women wants to organise a petition, signed by everyone in the Principality, asking the King to confer that title upon the Princess.

Male Heir

They intend to approach Mr.



Lloyd George when the petition is prepared.

This would be the first time in history for the title to be held by a female in her own right; but the Welsh want the heir to the throne to be more closely linked with the Principality.

A sponsor of the idea said that when the Duke of Windsor held the title he did much for Wales.

"The Princess," he added, "has become a firm favourite with the Welsh people, who presented her with a miniature Welsh cottage some time ago."

A legal expert's view is that the title of Prince of Wales could only be conferred on a male heir to the throne, who may yet be born, and the title of Princess of Wales would go to his wife if he were to marry before succeeding to the throne.

ful assault has brought similar claims which, being published before the R.A.F. announcement revealing actual losses, will doubtless later be increased.

According to the Nazis 32 R.A.F. aircraft were brought down between Calais and La Rochelle.

In fact British losses were 22—15 bombers and seven fighters.

Thirty Nazi machines were destroyed apart from very considerable damage inflicted by bombing. — British Wireless.

REDS & WHITES UNITED

An outburst against the local Russian paper, the "Shanghai Zaria" has been made by the commentator of the "voice of Europe." German radio station in Shanghai.

He has taken the paper to task for expressing the opinion that the thousands of Russians in Shanghai whether White or Red were united in praying for the preservation of their country in the present Nazi drive.

Lashing out against the oldest established Russian paper in Shanghai, the commentator recalled the assassination of Czar Nicholas II and his entire family at Ekaterinburg in 1918 and other reasons which he declared should alienate the cause of the Soviet Union from all White Russians whose sympathies, he asserted, were misplaced.

In the opinion of reliable Russian quarters the paper expressed what was in the minds of a majority of the members of the Shanghai Russian community.

In Shanghai as well and elsewhere the cleavage the Germans had expected to find among the Russians of various political parties in the present issue, has ended in bitter disappointment.

Although divided in political affiliations, it was pointed out, the Whites and the Reds were united in the hope that the country would be spared the humiliation of conquest by a foreign aggressor.

Germans Distrusted

A well-informed member of the local Russian community observed that the commentator showed a deplorable ignorance regarding the history of his country, declaring that the Russian distrust of the Germans was inherent and had endured long before 1917, the outbreak of the Russian revolution.

The long years of exile which thousands of Russians spent in China following the great political upheaval in their country have not diminished their bitterness; it was pointed out, but to hail an aggressor as a liberator of their country has been too far fetched a theory for even an emigrant to accept without question.



Admiral Muselier, the French Admiral, recently paid a visit to a Naval establishment, "somewhere in Britain" where he inspected French contingents. Photo shows Admiral Muselier (centre) taking the salute.

TENANT PREVENTED FROM SUB-LETTING HOUSE

A CASE IN WHICH a British tenant threatened to sublet his house to a Chinese party if his landlord did not purchase his furniture was revealed in H.M. Supreme Court in Shanghai when a motion was heard for an interim injunction in a case brought by Messrs. H. A. Reeks and J. R. Jones, the plaintiffs and lessors of the property, against Mr. F. W. Clifton. The interim injunction was for the purpose of restraining the defendant from carrying out his threat before the matter had been settled in Court; after having heard the plaintiffs, Judge Sir Allan G. Mossop, granted the interim injunction.

It was revealed in court that the defendant, who failed to make an appearance, owed four months' back rent amounting to \$1,340. The plaintiffs had filed a writ in which they asked for arrears and for an injunction to restrain the defendant from sub-letting the premises, the latter being an infringement of the lease. But as the case will not be heard in court until July 24, an interim injunction was requested for the interval, between the motion and the trial of action.

The urgency of the matter was also indicated by the plaintiffs when they stated that the defendant would be leaving Shanghai shortly.

Maintenance Of Status Quo

The bone of contention between the two parties was House No. 15, Lane 753, Avenue Haig. In presenting the case for the plaintiffs, Mr. Jones asked that the Court grant the interim injunction in order to maintain a status quo until actual day of the trial.

Owing to the non-appearance of the defendant, his side of the case was not heard and Judge Mossop accordingly gave judgment as follows:—

"The plaintiffs filed a writ in which they ask for arrears of rent since April and they also ask for an injunction to restrain the de-

endant, his servants and agents from sub-letting the occupied premises in breach of a covenant of the lease. The writ was filed on July 15 and the return day is set for July 24. The application by motion is for an interim injunction restraining the defendant from sub-letting between now and the trial of the action.

Threat Or Breach

"It appears from the evidence that the defendant has threatened that unless the lessors buy his furniture he will sublet the premises against the lessors' wishes. The defendant has not at this moment committed a breach of the covenant but he has threatened to do so. It is clear from the authorities that this Court has authority to interfere even when a breach of covenant has not actually been committed. If the defendant had been present here and said that he would do nothing until the trial of the action, I would not grant the injunction, but he is not here and the injunction is granted. It will be given on the usual terms, and I take note now of the undertaking of the plaintiffs to give security.

"The cases I rely on are found in Halsbury's Laws of England and I rely particularly on the cases of Doherty v. Allman, 1878, 3 A.C., and the Australian Appeal Case, to the Privy Council: McEachern v. Colton, 1902. A.C. 104 107 P.C."

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The second of the two comrades meanwhile carried on; his "bag" for the night was three Nazi bombers.

On a Sunday he came to view the tragic end of his friend's last battle. In a voice charged with grief and hardly-suppressed anger, he said: "There is not enough to pay for my friend. I will have more of them!"

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BRIDGE SWINDLES —NO. 49

By The Four Aces

"Here's one for your swindle column," contributes a Chicago reader. "The hand was played in the World Bridge Olympic:

West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠	J 9 6	♠	A 5 2
♥	Q J 4	♥	10 5 3
♦	K Q J 10 6 3	♦	A 9 8
♣	2	♣	Q 10 8 7

SOUTH		WEST	
♠	K Q 10 8 3	♠	7 4
♥	A 8 2	♥	K 9 7 6
♦	7 5 4	♦	2
♣	A K	♣	9 6 5 4 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♠
Pass 2♣ Pass 2NT
Pass 3NT Pass Pass

"The plan was for South to play the hand at four spades, which only very good defence could beat. The actual contract of three no-trump should have been beaten rather badly, but a swindle brought it home."

"West opened the five of clubs, East's Queen forcing out South's King. South then led a diamond to dummy's King, and East decided not to win the trick. Dummy continued with the Queen of diamonds and East played low once more."

"But now nine tricks were in sight. Declarer abandoned the diamonds, much to East's chagrin. Spades were attacked. East taking the Ace and returning a club. South took the club Ace and ran four spades and a heart in addition to the two clubs and two diamonds already won. Was East's face red?"

A rather neat swindle, but East really should have seen it coming. East should have won the first diamond trick and returned a club. He could tell that South could win only five diamonds, probably two clubs, and about one heart before surrendering the lead again. If South had three club stoppers or both the Ace and King of hearts, there was probably no way of defeating the contract."

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

K 4		Q 7 5 3	
♠	Q 7 5 3	♠	K 8 8
♥	K 8 8	♥	Q 7 6 2
♦	Q 7 6 2	♦	

ANSWER: Pass. You have told your story and your partner has refused to take encouragement. If he were interested in a game, he could bid three no-trump or four diamonds. Failure to make either of these strong bids indicates that he has a minimum hand which is ill-suited to no-trump play.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for four diamonds, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 779

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable you hold:

A Q 10 8 2		K J 10 4	
♠	A Q 10 8 2	♠	K J 10 4
♥	K J 10 4	♥	7
♦	A 10 5	♦	

The bidding:
You Schenker Burnstone Moler
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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WIND, SAND---AND WAR

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a day's rest or leave, through General Wavell's drive of last Winter clear to Benghazi, then back in that disappointing retreat, and now out here patrolling, harassing and defending the western approaches to Egypt. They admit that they are tired, but they remain cheery and uncomplaining.

Here is what it is like when you reach the absolute front:

Our little party of two correspondents, a British conducting officer and a chauffeur, found the main body of the striking force of the campaign in a wide sandy plain at dusk after a strenuous day, during which, divided into three columns, they had driven the Axis forces from Egypt, all except one body which held out in Hellfire Pass—that two-mile winding gash near Solum which leads from the escarpment down to the coastal plain. The officers' mess was a lean-to tent, furnished with folding tables and chairs, pitched against the side of the rock. The cook was concocting a satisfying dinner from bully beef, canned salad and canned fruit, washed down with tea. Whisky and sodas were served in our honour.

The officers were tired; some of them were unshaven; most of them had not slept for forty-eight hours, and they did not know when they would sleep again, for they were to move out again that evening for another crack at the Germans.

It was rather amusing to find the major of the famous Guards Regiment—those most smartly turned out officers in the world—with a two days' beard and circles of reddish mud around his mouth and eyes where he had rubbed his dust-covered face with his perspiring hand. And water too precious to be wasted washing.

Despite the primitive conditions the atmosphere of that mess was much what you find in a club in Pall Mall. It reminded one of the polished courtesy of the officers in that dugout in "Journey's End."

Somewhat every correspondent who has been among front-line troops, whether in frozen Finland or burning Egypt, has had the feeling that it was a scene from a play rather than reality. So it seemed at this desert meal in the lull of the fighting.

Dinner was brief and immediately afterward we motored with the column leaders to H.Q.—simply a radio truck in which the officer commanding the forces on the escarpment lived, worked and travelled. His home was a bunk alongside the radio.

We sat in the sand beside the radio truck while the commanding officer marked a map and outlined for each commander his mission. He asked each how he intended to carry it out and sometimes suggested modifications. Again it all seemed unreal. This was a battle being planned, yet with absolutely no fuss.

He returned to the main camp, which meanwhile was packing up. After dark we marched—long lines of armoured cars, radio cars, Bren gun carriers, trucks and motorised artillery.

Again it was a stage show and unreality. In the dim moonlight our unlighted vehicles, rocking over the hummocks, seemed more like a fleet at sea than British soldiers going out to meet the Germans. Still it seemed like a play when a radio car swerved toward the command car with a pink field message giving the news that seven German tanks which had come through the barrier were now in the area we must cross.

We did not see those tanks, but

they saw us, for at midnight when we paused for a rest before a dawn attack the tanks came up, took a few ineffective pot shots at us, then raced away when the British guns replied.

But the mission of this British desert force was to fall that day, for morning brought a raging sandstorm which reduced visibility to a few yards. The desert becomes an eerie place in such a storm, for the goggled men you dimly see walking about through the swirling sand look like shapes seen by a diver at the bottom of the sea.

The British force had split up into three columns for the dawn attack, but the Germans eluded them in the storm. One artillery unit which had taken up a position a few hundred yards ahead to guard the trail had the worst fortune. German armoured cars—fast, powerful, hard-hitting affairs—came upon this unit and, before the British could see whether they were friendly or hostile, poured in a volley which destroyed one gun and set the truck afire, mortally burning two men. Then it disappeared unharmed.

The lieutenant who brought back the remaining vehicles and the dying men was grief-stricken. There was a simple burial in the sand.

That is what "our patrols were again active" means. It is mechanised guerilla warfare. When, on the offensive the tactics are practically identical but on a far larger scale, and a column which meets an enemy does not hit and run away but tries to annihilate him.

The attack is diversified. Aero-planes lead the way, bombers acting as artillery and trying to smash up the enemy column on the road and wreck his fortifications if he is installed in a town or some important natural points such as Capuzzo or Hellfire Pass. Dive-bombers and fighters swoop low over the troops, groundstrafing them to spread death and panic. Then come the tanks and armoured cars to complete the destruction and demoralisation. It is only after that the Infantry of the attacking force takes up the battle, for while the Infantry can do little against modern defences it can hold and consolidate the ground once it is dominated by other arms.

The Infantry rides to battle in carrier cars and trucks. Nobody walks in this war. It is only after the Infantry is at the scene that it dismounts, deploys and goes into action with rifle, bayonet and tommy gun to complete the defeat of the enemy with hand fighting—at which the British in this war have shown themselves markedly superior to the Germans. That sort of fighting has been in progress for months at Tobruk. The town is surrounded by a perimeter of barbed wire entanglements, tank traps and trenches on a radius of several miles from the town itself. Within the perimeter are the artillery positions. Most of the defending British troops live in the open, their vehicles dispersed between the perimeter and the town. Few live in the town itself, which is a dangerous place, for German aeroplanes incessantly are pounding the waterfront and harbour where the British receive supplies. The Axis commanders have sacrificed many tanks and thousands of men trying to break through.

Meanwhile life for these beleaguered Britons goes on almost normally, even more comfortably than for troops patrolling around Hellfire Pass and Solum. Casualties are surprisingly few. They have even got a canteen with candy, cigarettes and beer.



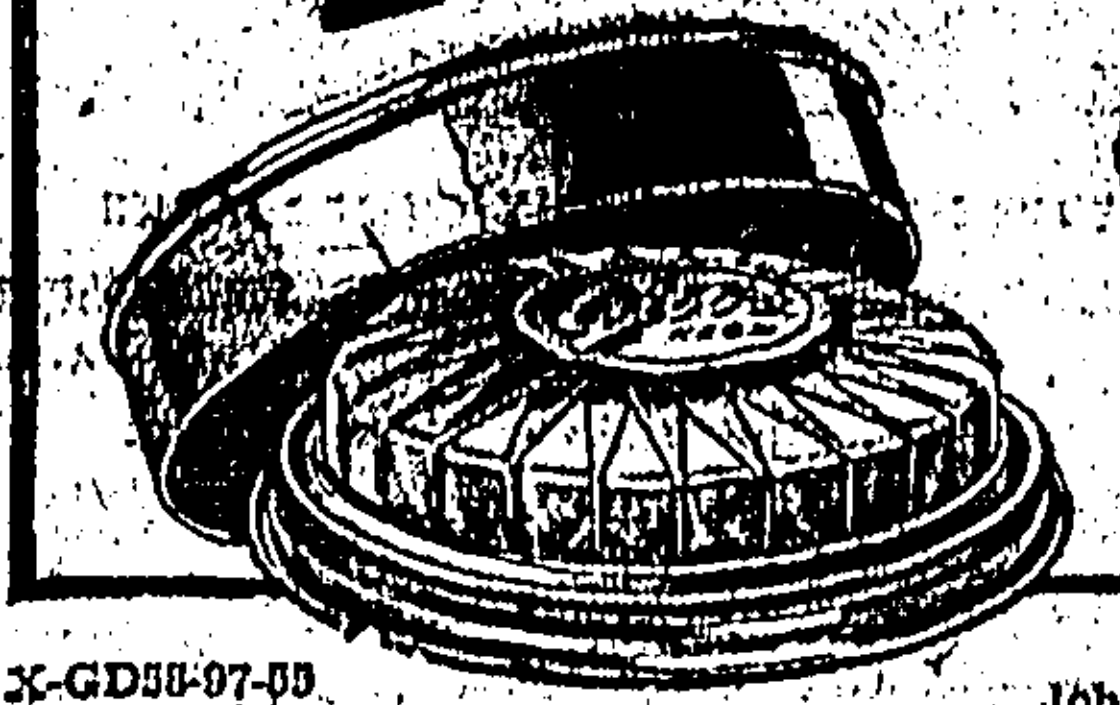
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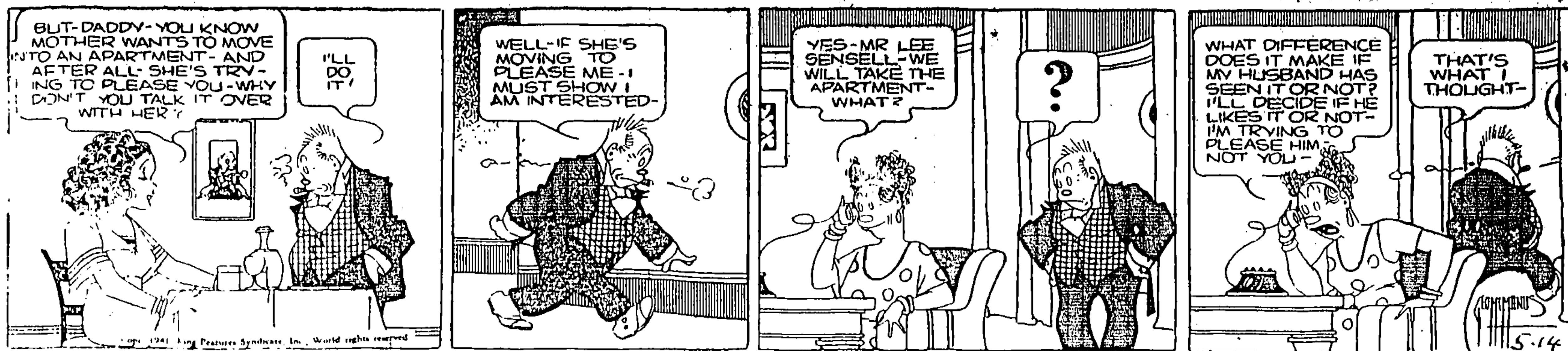
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Youthful Skin: Frequent Soapings

The young lady who ducks under a quick shower without a bar of soap, after exercising, is flirting with a blemished skin.

During summer, when the pores are open and discharging wastes from the body more freely, good skin soapings and thorough clear water rinsings are essential to keep body and face skin soft and lovely.

Young girls are inclined to be a bit casual, let us say in preference to neglectful, about the care of their skins when the weather is hot. It's so easy to take a cat wash and put on fresh lipstick and call the chore finished. But how wretched they feel when a big party comes along and their skins are blemished and unattractive. Life has a way of playing such tricks on us, if we are not diligent, and many a summer romance has been nipped in the bud because a young girl was indifferent too long about her beauty.

A Good Routine

Youthful skins can stand a thorough shampoo with bland soap suds and a clean face cloth, or face mitt, twice a day. Once upon arising and again late in the afternoon or before going to bed. Between times a cream cleansing and mild tonic are in order to remove grime and tired make-up — but at night and morning let a good bar of soap bring beauty and freshness to your face.

I want to stress too, the importance of keeping your beauty aids immaculate. Every single day you should use a fresh face cloth, fresh absorbent cotton with which to powder, fresh cotton for using a liquid skin freshener, clean towels and brushes and combs. Be certain that you change your vanity puff, and rouge puff every day too. You can buy enough to last a month or two in a package for a few pennies and indeed they are a grand investment in a clear skin.

Keep your cosmetics in a drawer or cabinet — out of the way of summer dust. Get into the habit of swishing your brush



Fresh herbal cleansing cream, mild skin freshener and a lettuce-bland soap, are an intelligent selection for summer skin care.

and comb through sudsy water after you have finished with them. They collect a lot of grime from your hair you know, and it doesn't make sense to brush and comb it back on your hair the next day, does it?

Hair needs more frequent washings during summer too

especially if you swim often. But try to use only one good soaping and rinse very well. Let it dry out in the air and sun and brush it every day to keep it as clean as possible between shampoos.

These little grooming details will quickly become unconscious habits after the first week or two.

Cookery Corner

CREAM OF POTATO—Take four or five potatoes. Peel and wash in cold water. Cut into thick slices. Cover with cold water. Add salt and pepper.

Allow to come to the boil then let it simmer, adding a little cold water from time to time, just enough to keep the potatoes from burning.

The soup will be cooked when the potatoes have fallen to bits and become quite soft. Length of time depends on the potatoes used.

Potatoes that have pinkish skins and very white insides are the nicest flavoured ones for this soup.

When cooked mash through sieve with a wooden spoon. Make sure that no hard lump of potato remains. Return to saucepan.

Add a pint of cold milk, stirring until it comes to the boil. Serve immediately.

Beat the yoke of one egg well and stir into your soup, just before serving.

Do not let the egg cook in the soup. It is best to remove the soup from fire just as you stir it in.

This quantity is sufficient for two persons.

CREAM OF TURNIP.—Take four or five turnips and one potato, and make exactly as for above cream of potato.

If the vegetables are properly cooked and mashed, through the sieve and stirred into cold milk as it comes to the boil there is no need to use flour for thickening.

The addition of cold water and cold milk in the process of cooking brings out the flavour of the vegetable.

If you were to add warm milk or hot water the soup would cook too quickly and you would not have drawn all the strength and taste from your vegetables.



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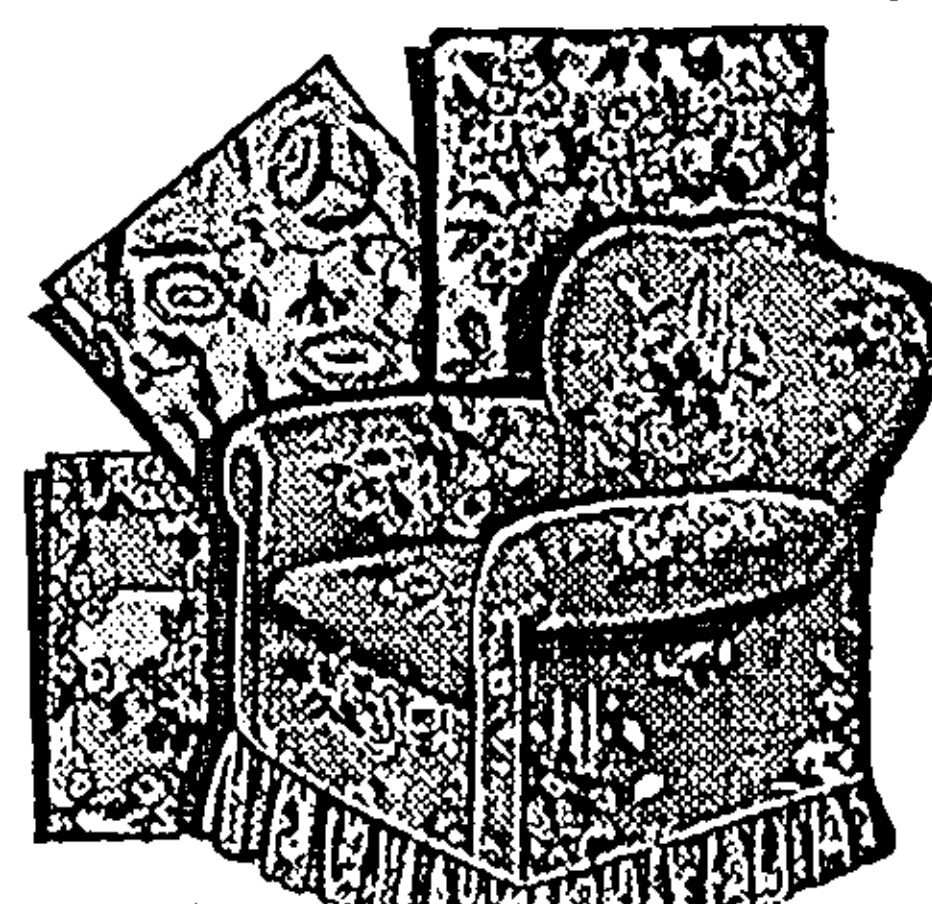
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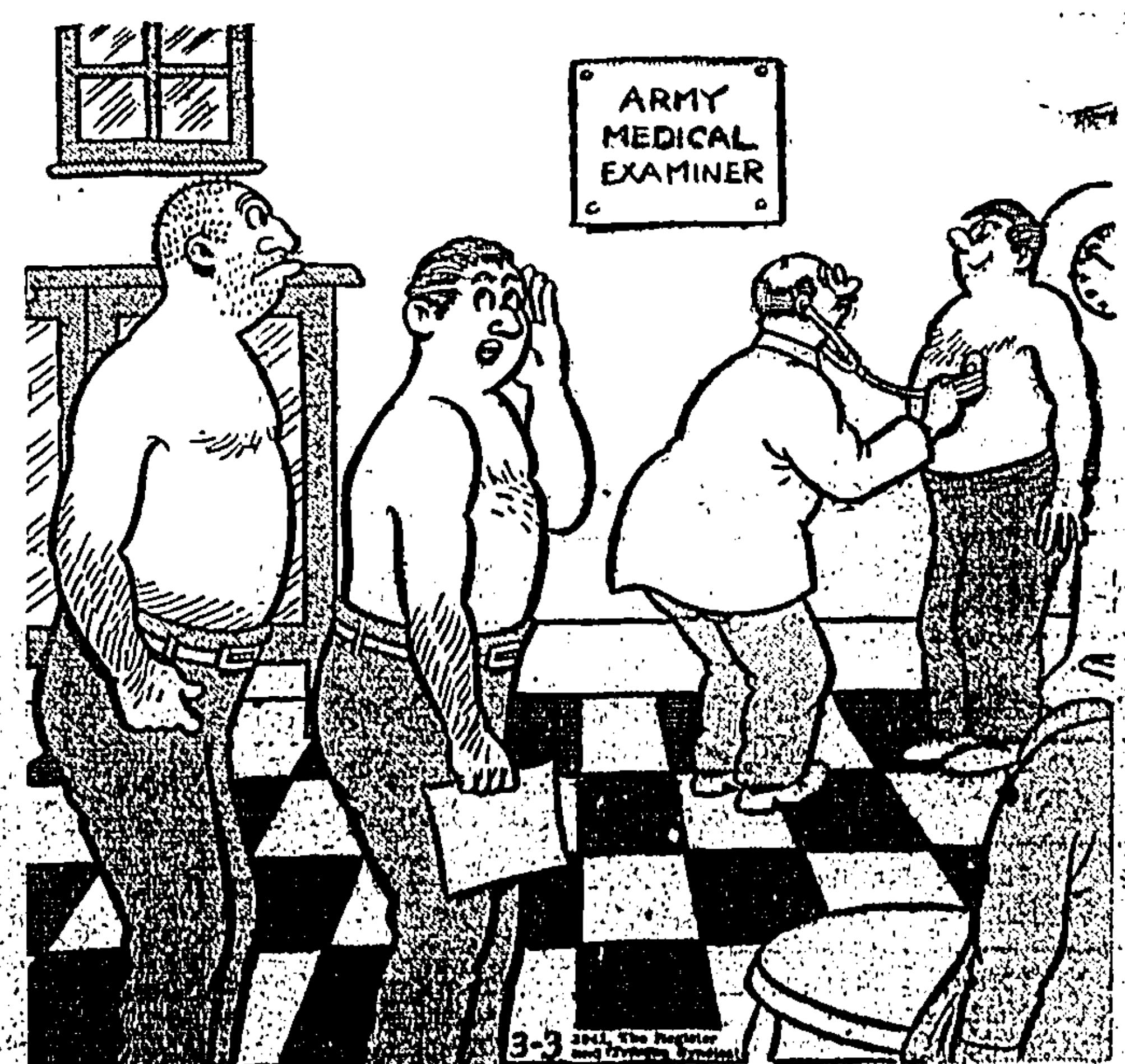
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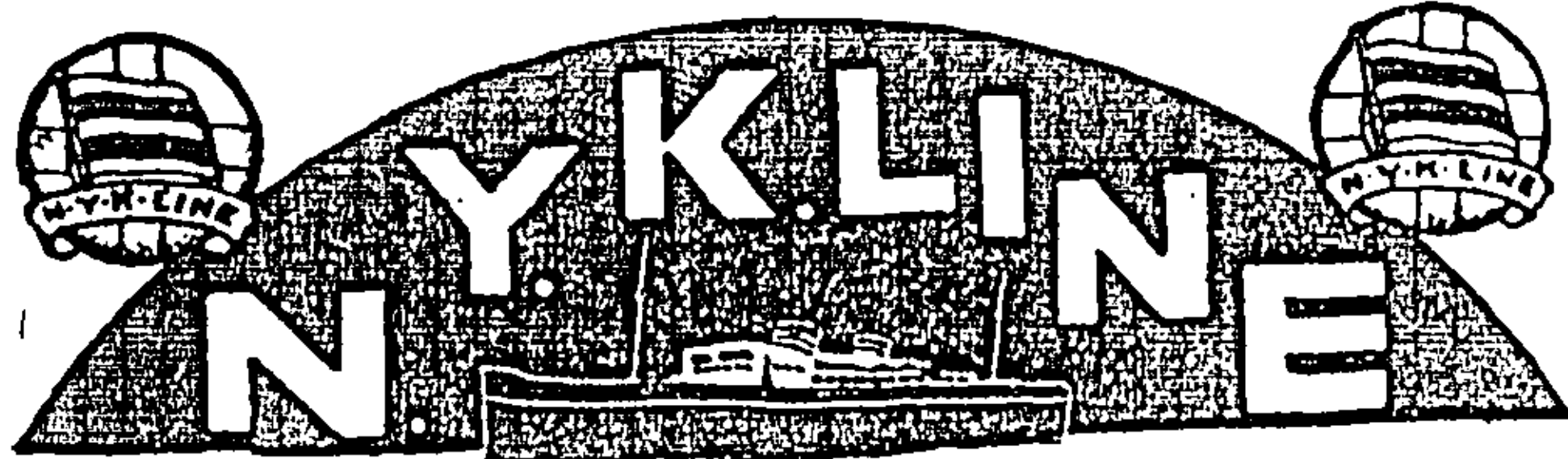
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The three-room red brick building is believed to have been erected in 1758. The doors and shutters are covered with metal, to make the structure as nearly fireproof as possible during that early period. Nine Clerks, representing some of the most prominent Colonial families in this region, served in the building.

Restoration was under the direction of the Halifax Park Committee, with the aid of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners, the North Carolina State Society for the Preservation of Antiquities.

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The grave of Annie Carter Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, of Confederate fame, is near here. She died in 1862 at the age of 23 years. Her father visited the grave in 1870.

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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Joe Loss and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—A Small Cafe by Notre

Dame (Mills). A Little Rain Must Fall (Green, Raye and Little).

Tango Fox-Trot—The Memory of A Rose (Kennedy—Young).

Waltz—Memories Live Longer Than Dreams (Parker and Charles).

Fox-Trot—When You Wear Your Sunday Blue (Parker and Charles).

Quick-Step—Put That Down at Writing (Dublin, Warren).

12.50 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.

Deep In A Dream (de Lange and van Heussen).

Honey Chile (Strauss and Dale).

Trade Winds (Friend and Tobias).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Scriabin—Prometheus (The Poem of Fire)—Op. 60.

Leopold Stokowski. Philadelphia Orchestra and Chorus from Curtis Institute of Music.

1.20 p.m.—Songs by Ivor Anderson (Bass).

"The Magic Flute"—O Isis And Osiris.

Within These Sacred Walls (Mozart).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Wilfred Thomas, Gracie Fields and Others.

Vocal—Giddy Up.

Swing Your Way To Happiness (Both from film "Keep Smiling"—Parr-Davies).

Gracie Fields with Orchestra.

Organ Solo—Magic Chimes—Intermezzo (F. W. Rust).

Whispering Of The Flowers (Franz v. Blon).

Marcel Palotti w. Hawaiian Guitar.

Humorous—A Tea-Time Concert Party (C. Harrington).

Wilfrid Thomas, Noreena Feist, Emmie Joyce and Cecil Harrington w. Orch.

Septet—Maria Mari (di Capua).

Serge Krish Septet.

Vocal—Down At Our Charity Bazaar (Aza).

Gracie Fields with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Compositions of Maurice Ravel.

Tritone—Rhapsodie De Concert.

M. Z. Francescatti (Violin) with M. Faure (Piano).

"Miroirs No. 5"—La Valse De Cloches.

"Gaspard de la Nuit No. 2"—Le Gibet.

Walter Gieseking (Piano).

Ravel—Three Songs.

Trois Beaux Ciseaux de Paradis.

Nicolette; Ronde.

The Lyons Mixed Chorus cond. by Leon Vietty.

Bolero.

The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris cond. by Maurice Ravel.

7.30 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.

"The Miracle"—Selection (Humperdinck).

London Symphony Orchestra.

The Chocolate Soldier—Vocal Gems (Stange and Oscar Straus).

Intro: The Chocolate Soldier: The Bulgarians; Tiralala; Thank The Lord The War Is Over.

Falling In Love; Forgive (Ensemble); That Would Be Lovely; The Letter Song; My Hero.

The Columbia Light Opera Company w. Orchestra.

The Beggar's Opera—Selection (Gay—Austin).

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. G. Miller.

"Tales of Hoffmann"—The Legend of Kleinsack (Offenbach).

Tudor Davies (Tenor) w. Orch.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra with Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano).

Polka Medley.

Intro: See Me Dance The Polka.

Polka Valcra; Blaze Away.

Two-step: You're Not The Kind—Fox-Trot; I Want The Whole World To Love You.

Waltz: Take My Heart—Slow Fox-Trot; Sing, Baby, Sing—Quick-Step.

The New Mayfair Orchestra.

Gertrude Lawrence, Medley.

Intro: Limbohouse; Blues; You Were Meant For Me; Do, Do, Do; Someone To Watch Over Me; Cup Of Coffee; Wild Thyme; Experiment.

G. Lawrence w. Orchestra.

Ragging The Rags—A Selection of Early Ragtime Favourites.

Intro: Grizzly Bear Rag; Haunting Rag; Mysterious Rag; Temptation Rag; Red Pepper Rag.

The New Mayfair Orchestra.

Experiment (from "Nymph Errant") (Colo. Porter).

Gertrude Lawrence with Orch. "Love, Life and Laughter"—Selection.

Intro: How Happy the Lover; Riding on the Clouds; Cherish Love, Life and Laughter.

The New Mayfair Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.05 p.m.—Variety Programme.

Medley—Finch Favourites, No. 12.

Intro: The memory of a Rose; Ferryboat Serenade; Blueberry Hill; Maybe; Lovely Old Lady, Good-night Again.

Horace Finch (Organist).

Vocal—Birds Of A Feather.

You're Dangerous (Both from film "Road to Zanzibar").

Bing Crosby with Orchestra.

Organ and Piano—Old Favourites Medley.

Intro: These Foolish Things; Japanese Sandman; Sweet Sue; Smoke Gets In Your Eyes; Louise; Somebody Stole My Gal.

Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano).

Entertainer—Dear Old Fashioned Thing.

Norman Long with Piano.

Vocal—The Beautiful Bearded Lady.

Don't Go In The Lion's Cage Tonight.

Zora Layman with The Home-towners and Orch.

Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. 42.

Intro: I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again; Lovely Old Lady; Sierra Sue; All The Things You Are; Until You Fall In Love; I'm Nobody's Baby.

Charlie Kunz w. Rhythm Accomp.

Vocal—Cheerio! (From "Apple Sauce"—Carr, Kitchen).

Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon with Orchestra.

Vocal—Ho! Sa Bonnie (Froeba, Alexander).

The Merry Macs with Orch.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 p.m.—Piano Duets by Young and Forsythe.

Dance "Hits".

Intro: I Double Dare You; Sweet As A Song; Mama, I Wanna Make Rhythm; Thanks For The Memory; Two Dreams Got Together; Don't Ever Change.

Rumbas on Toast.

Intro: La Cucuracha; Mama, Inez; The Carocha; Siboney; Tony's Wife; Side Walks Of Cuba; Green Eyes; When Yuba Plays The Rumba on The Tuba.

10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

Fox-Trots—Alouette.

School Days.

Horace Heidt and His Orch.

Swing Fox-Trots—Midnight in Harlem.

Night Time in Cairo.

Eddie Carroll and His Swingphone Orch.

Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Will Be Heavenly (From "Band Wagon").

Quick-Step—Roadhouse Revels.

Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Tangos—Quiero Verte Una Vez Mas.

Mass Alla.

Orouesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—They Can't Black-out The Moon.

Good-bye Sally.

Jav Wilbur and His Band.

Rumbas—Jungle Drums.

The Peanut Vendor.

Henry King and His Orch.

Waltz—All Through A Glass of Champagne (From the C.B. Cochran Show: "Fights Day").

Quick-Step—The Organ Grinder Grinds All Day.

Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"News from Home"—H. Marshall.

11.15 p.m.—Close Down.

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A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	186	187	0	1	8
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	184	198	0	14	8
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F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	4	1	2	1	80	83	0	3	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	7	1	2	4	109	140	0	31	4
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	2	0	7	145	209	0	64	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
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In the Final of the First Summer Foursomes at the Happy Valley golf course yesterday, T. B. Low and R. K. Collings beat W. J. Buller and A. L. Powell 3 and 2 over 18 holes.

POSTPONED PAIRS MATCHES

Following are the postponed games in the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, some of which will be played to-day:

H. Gittins and W. J. Howard v G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle
K. C. Hamilton and A. M. Holland v A. B. Conter and B. W. Bradbury
V. McGrath and V. H. Freeman v J. Ramsey and R. Morrison
L. Gaddi and C. S. Rossetti v S. H. Solina and K. M. Omar
S. Goodman and E. W. C. Simmonds v C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares
N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan v J. J. Basto and C. H. Basto
J. S. Landolt and D. A. Rosario v J. H. Gelling and H. G. Wallington
J. M. Purvis and A. Bailey v W. L. Walker and R. Duncan
H. R. Pinna and B. Basto v J. Hurst and C. E. Turpin
A. Morton and W. Nash v S. Eccles and J. Shepherd

K.D.R.C. BOWLS TOURNEY DRAWS

Following are the draws for the lawn bowls tournaments at Kowloon Docks Recreation Club CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—W. C. K. Mackie v W. Houston; R. H. Lapsley v T. Coleman; W. Greig v R. Morrison; J. McKelvie v A. Pearson; H. H. Williams v J. Revie; J. McPherson v W. Forsyth
Byes into Second Round:—W. D. McMaster v F. Cullen; J. V. Ramsay v T. Mason; G. Henderson v A. Calman; R. Lapsley v M. Ferguson; W. Williamson v C. S. M. Thom

HANDICAP DOUBLES
First Round:—J. McKelvie and W. D. McMaster (-2) v F. Cullen and C. S. M. Thom (-3); R. Morrison and C. B. Logan (-1) v W. Greig and W. C. K. Mackie (-2); A. Lapsley and H. H. Williams (-1) v A. Calman and G. Henderson (-1); V. Ramsay and T. Mason (-1) v R. Lapsley and A. Pearson (-2)

Byes into Second Round:—T. Coleman and W. Williamson (ser.) v M. Ferguson and J. McPherson (-1); W. Houston and J. Revie (ser.) v R. H. Lapsley and J. Kempton (ser.)

BAPCO SHIELD
First Round:—W. Williamson v W. D. McMaster; W. C. K. Mackie v R. Lapsley; M. Ferguson v A. W. Lapsley; J. McKelvie v T. Coleman; A. Calman v R. H. Lapsley; A. Pearson v J. V. Ramsay; C. S. M. Thom v C. R. Logan; W. Greig v W. Houston
Byes into Second Round:—G. Henderson v J. McPherson; J. Kempton v T. Mason; R. Morrison v W. Forsyth; J. Revie v F. Cullen

Prizes won in the 25-Mile Bicycle time trial held at Tsun Wan recently will be distributed this evening at Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Attention, owned by Mrs. Parker Gering, won the £15,000 Arlington Classic yesterday at Chicago by scoring a win by one length over the favorite, Whirlaway, the champion of the American turf for 1941. Bushwhacker was third. There were five starters.—Reuter.

J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	130	123	7	0	6
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	7	3	0	4	128	134	0	6	6
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	8	3	0	5	136	143	0	7	6
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
A. J. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	47	34	13	0	4
A. Nisim (H.K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	61	61	0	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
M. F. Pinna (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	93	117	0	24	4
M. F. Alarcon (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	89	102	0	13	4
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	23	18	11	0	2
A. G. Suffiad (I.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	18	5	0	2
W. A. Corneli (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
B. J. Lacon (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	0	2
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	38	0	1	2
M. R. Pinna (Recreio)	2	1	0	1	36	42	0	6	2
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	42	52	0	10	2
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	44	0	14	2
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	65	55	10	0	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	59	57	0	8	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
B. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	78	0	27	2
J. K. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	110	162	0	68	2
L. E. Lamont (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	17	0	2	0
Y. Abbas (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	18	0	4	0
E. A. Atkin (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
A. H. Mader (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	5	0
M. Mendonca (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	12	19	0	7	0
C. Dowman (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	24	0	11	0
F. K. Modi (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	29	0	11	0
M. Gutierrez (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	15	28	0	13	0
R. A. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	29	0	16	0
A. G. Gardner (H.K.E.H.C.)	1	0	0	1	10	26	0	18	0
A. F. Noronha (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
P. B. Chasidy (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	28	40	0	12	0
A. B. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	24	46	0	21	0
I. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	56	0	22	0
R. C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	50	0	23	0
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	55	0	25	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.E.R.C.)	4	0	0	4	46	108	0	62	0
A. McKellar (H.K.C.C.)	6	0	0	6	86	154	0	68	0

WEEK-END CRICKET IN ENGLAND

Bowlers had the advantage in the main Cricket games on Saturday.

Army and Air Force met at Southend, where Army were dismissed for 127. Army lost half their wickets for only 40 runs and then seven wickets for 97, but bright batting by Major S. C. Griffith (59) retrieved the situation slightly. The Airman had scored 53 for two when stumps were drawn.

London Counties sent a side to Tonbridge to meet the Old Tonbridgeians who, however, did not get a chance to bat after their opponents had declared with 209 for eight wickets. Leslie Compton hit a grand 61 for the Counties, who promised a bigger score until R. Bousfield, a leg-break bowler, dismissed five men in ten overs, for 46 runs.

On the first day of a two-day game at Aldershot, an Air Force team, led by Arthur Gilligan, former England captain, dismissed an Aldershot side for 71. D. J. Judge, Glamorgan fast bowler, claimed seven victims for 37 runs. Denis Compton being among them when he was caught before scoring. —Reuter.

SATURDAY SPORTS RESULTS

A full programme of matches in all three Divisions of the Lawn Bowls League, a baseball encounter between Chung Hwa and South China, which the former won 6-3, and a charity swimming gala at Chung Shing Benevolent Society's pavilion at West Point, provided local followers of sport with a fair variety to choose from on Saturday, while advantage was also taken of the fine, albeit humid weather conditions, by Post Office Recreation Club (2) and Filipino Club to play off their postponed Fourth Division League Tennis fixture, which the latter won by 9 sets to nil.

The Indian Recreation Club bowls rink skipped by A. R. Dallah (J. Hoosen, A. K. Ismail and U. A. Rumjahn) scored a "possible" at the third end, of their game against W. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, L. Sykes and P. Peckham (Kowloon B.G.C. "B").

Results of the matches, at a glance, were as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION

Rec. 'A'	77	Rec. 'B'	43
C.C.C.	85	P.R.C.	37
K.D.R.C.	71	K.C.C.	60
C.S.C.C.	49	K.B.G.C. 'A'	65
I.R.C.	69	K.B.G.C. 'B'	40

SECOND DIVISION

Rec.	69	H.K.F.C.	73
H.K.C.C.	63	P.O.C.	47
K.C.C.	46	Taikoo	76
K.F.C.	78	C.C.C.	46

THIRD DIVISION

C.C.C.	70	Rec.	67
K.B.G.C.	58	I.R.C.	58
H.K.F.C.	75	Elec.	29
P.R.C.	81	H.K.C.C.	42

K.D.R.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT DRAWS

Following are the draws for the tennis tournaments at Kowloon Dock Recreation Club:—

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—A. S. Bliss v R. H. A. Lapsley; J. P. White v T. Coleman; B. Maher v G. Newhouse and M. Ozorio v J. B. Sturgeon.

HANDICAP SINGLES

First Round:—R. H. A. Lapsley (—40) v C. S. M. Thom (—30); V. Ramsay (scr.) v J. Kempton (—30); A. Lapsley (—30 2/3) v J. Sturgeon (—30); W. Tillery (—30) v B. Maher (—15) and W. Forsyth (scr.) v J. P. White (—30). (Byes into Second Round:—G. Newhouse (—15) v A. S. Bliss (—30 3/4) and M. Ozorio (—15 3/4) v R. H. A. Lapsley (—40) or C. S. M. Thom (—30).

At Causeway Bay yesterday, Western Depot, Immigration Office, Deal Head Office by 4 goals to 1 in a friendly football match, which was played under most unfavourable weather and ground conditions, the rain that fell during the game making ball control almost impossible.

The horses which have been entered for the St. Leger and try-out in the mile and half Stakes on Saturday, Mr. Dawson's Mazurka won the race by three-quarters of a length from the 11 to 10 on favourite, Thoroughfare, with Felton another length and a half away, third. In a mile and six furlongs handicap, Lord Aslor's eight-year-old Bookmaker, carrying ten pounds penalty, ran courageously to a dead-heat with the hot favourite, Belshut. —Reuter.

TITLE FOR RIGGS

Bobby Riggs, former American champion and winner of the last Wimbledon singles title, won the men's singles at the Seabright (New Jersey) Invitation Lawn Tennis Tournament yesterday when he defeated F. Schroeder, one of America's younger players by 8-4, 6-4 and 6-0. —Reuter.

FOOTBALL IN INDIA

The Indian Football Association team of Bengal annexed the "San Tosh" Memorial trophy in the Inter-Provincial Football Tournament at Calcutta yesterday, defeating Delhi in the final by 5 goals to 1. —Reuter.

Cecil Goldman, who is playing water polo for European Y.M.C.A. and who has been seen in exhibition diving at local galas, will be out of swimming for some time following an operation on his middle ear. He is at present in War Memorial Nursing Home.

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CHUNGKING WELCOMES THE MOVE

A Chinese Government spokesman in Chungking expressed gratification at the prompt and energetic measures taken by the British Government with the support of other members of the British Commonwealth and the Government of India to counter Japan's fresh aggression in Indo-China.

The severance of all trade relations between the British Empire and Japan and the freezing of Japanese assets, which followed so closely the similar action taken by the United States Government, the spokesman said, not only deal the most serious blow to Japan's already weakened financial and economic structure but also demonstrate the ever-increasing solidarity among the Democratic powers.

China welcomes this strengthening of the anti-aggression front in the Pacific area as elsewhere, the spokesman added. — Central News.

TEACHERS TO BE PAID IN GRAIN

As a measure of relief to primary school teachers in the province, the Hunan Provincial Government has decided that the salaries of teachers be paid in grain. The new ruling will come into force as from September this year. — Central News.

Eritrea Under British Occupation

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)
SOME ITALIANS IN THE British-occupied town of Asmara, Eritrea, are now coming out into the open as anti-Fascists, but others are not willing to commit themselves while they suspect there is any chance of the Fascists returning, but practically all of them, officials and civilians, show an almost unnatural readiness to cooperate with the British authorities.

The general feeling among the Italians in Asmara is one of bitterness against their leaders, and the political problem, however small, is being compared with the economic problem facing the British Administration.

Eritrea has always been developed by the Italians as a show place on uneconomic lines. A big attempt is now being made to get the economic life of the country running.

Eritrea has numerous garages and works ready for anything except build cars, and they are said to be only equalled in England by Birmingham in numbers and equipment.

British possession of this El Dorado of machine-tools is helping to solve the transport problems of the Middle East. In addition to finding employment wherever possible, the British are supporting women and children with regular allowances.

Good Relations

Good relations exist between the Italians and the British, South African and Indian troops garrisoning the country, but the feeling of irritation against their leaders never varies.

Eritrean sea, rail and road routes are being opened by the authorities. The railway from the Red Sea port of Massawa, which may yet form a link with the Sudan, was fortunately little damaged, and its cheap transport will reduce the cost of living.

Eritrea has been the testing ground of what Britain can do in administering and feeding occupied territory. Doubtless, the experience gained here will be invaluable later in the harder post-war task of feeding Europe's millions. — Reuter.

Last night's Soviet communiqué said: "Our troops fought on Sunday in the Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions. There were no important engagements in other sectors."

"During Saturday 104 German aircraft were destroyed for the loss of 12 Soviet machines."

"During Saturday vessels of the Baltic Fleet sank two enemy destroyers, one submarine and two transports loaded with fuel and put out of action a coast-guard vessel."

"One German infantry division has been annihilated."

"During the German raid on Moscow on the night of Saturday/Sunday eight, and not six, German planes were shot down." — Reuter.

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SHANGHAI BOY'S SUCCESS

Mr. Herbert James Starling, L.R.A.M., the twenty-four-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Starling, of "Hungjao," Uphill Road, Uphill, and formerly of Shanghai, gave a first performance of Preludes, his own composition, at a recent concert at the Town Hall, Newport, Mon. One Welsh paper describes him as "a young composer with a most promising future."

He has studied in England, China and Japan, and his work is much admired by musicians."

The young composer, who is at present serving in the R.A.M.C., was born in Shanghai. Of the recent concert at Newport, the "South Wales Argus" stated:—

"The central interest of the concert was the first public performance of 'Six Short Preludes,' by Herbert Starling. They were very short, but they were beautiful, full of meaning, the work of a composer who definitely had something to say and said it with beauty and authority. The audience was delighted by the preludes."

NO RICE SHORTAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). Market experts in San Francisco expect there will be no rice shortage as a result of the freezing order.

California, Texas and Louisiana produce enough rice for the nation's needs and export. — International News Service.

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VALETTA ATTACK FAILURE

Further information concerning the attack on Valetta harbour at Malta early on Saturday morning is now available.

A joint Admiralty and War Office communique issued in London yesterday says: "Shortly before 5 a.m. (local time) E-boats appeared off the harbour entrance and fixed defences manned by the military garrison immediately engaged them."

"One E-boat was hit and blew up, while four more were destroyed by gunfire."

"It then appeared that the E-boats were acting as a cover for smaller torpedo-carrying craft which attempted to break into the harbour."

"THESE WERE HEAVILY ENGAGED BY GUNFIRE FROM SHORE DEFENCES, EIGHT BEING BLOWN UP OR SUNK. NONE SUCCEEDED IN ENTERING THE HARBOUR.—REUTER."

Fighter Pursuit

R.A.F. fighters pursued the remaining E-boats which were trying to extricate themselves and sank four more and damaged others.

Our fighters then encountered enemy aircraft which were endeavouring to give air support to the retreating enemy.

Three enemy aircraft were shot down into the sea. One R.A.F. fighter was lost but the pilot was saved.

Reports so far received indicate that the assault on the harbour was attempted by eight small torpedo carrying craft all of which were destroyed by the defences.

The view that none of the assaulting forces survived to report is confirmed by a special Italian communique, which merely referred to explosions seen by escorting forces "from a distance to seaward." — British Wireless.

INDIAN HERO'S MODESTY

SECOND-LIEUTENANT P. S. BHAGAT, FIRST INDIAN TO BE AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS IN THE PRESENT WAR, ARRIVED IN INDIA YESTERDAY ON TWO MONTHS' LEAVE.

Looking extremely fit, Bhagat refused to say anything about himself but was full of praise for the part played by Indian troops in East Africa.

Broadcasting from the Bombay station of the All-India Radio, he spoke highly of the work of the Indian sappers at Jeron, Teclesan, Masawa and Amba-Alagi.

Wearing a miniature V.C. attached to a dark ribbon now Bhagat will receive the Cross from the King, Emperor.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI EVACUATION RIDICULED

Reports that British nationals in Shanghai are preparing to evacuate the city are denied by responsible British quarters there, according to a dispatch received in Chungking.

These quarters, the dispatch says, characterise the reports as malicious propaganda and believe that Shanghai, as a metropolis of international character, will not be affected despite the present kaleidoscopic changes in the world situation. — Central News.

Channel Fighter Battle

AN AIR ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE OVER THE DOVER STRAITS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

A British Air Ministry communique states: "During an offensive patrol over the Straits yesterday afternoon our fighters engaged a formation of enemy fighters."

"One of the enemy was destroyed and several others severely damaged but were not seen to crash because of low clouds and therefore their destruction cannot be confirmed."

"One of our fighters is missing." — Reuter.

80 'PLANES BATTER CHENG TU

CHENG TU YESTERDAY WAS SUBJECT TO A DEVASTATING RAID BY OVER 80 JAPANESE PLANES WHICH RAINED SEVERAL HUNDRED BOMBS ON THE SOUTH-WESTERN AND NORTH-WESTERN PARTS OF THE CITY.

Santal, north-east of Chengtu, and nearby points were also severely attacked. The extent of damage done is being investigated.

Flying from their base in western Hupeh, the raiders penetrated Chengtu about 11.40 a.m. and bombed the city for a considerable time. — Central News.

Decision Waited By East Indies

WHILE THE PRELIMINARY STEPS IN THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA ARE UNDER WAY, WITH TRANSPORTS LANDING TROOPS, AND WITH THE JAPANESE TAKING OVER AIR BASES AND THE CAMRANH BAY BASE, THE CRISIS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE NEW JAPANESE MOVE IS MARKING TIME.

The Netherlands East Indies are confidently awaiting the decision of the Netherlands Government in London which, it is already announced, cannot view the Japanese action with equanimity.

No announcement has yet been made to implement any action parallel to the Anglo-American freezing of Japanese credits, but business quarters in Batavia feel that something may be expected.

Pending clarification of the issue, business quarters are expected to hesitate before entering into any new commitments when business opens again to-day after the week-end respite.

Although a certain tension coincides in Batavia with the blackout which started yesterday, no nervousness whatever can be observed, and military preparations are being checked up as usual.

The Franco-Japanese agreement for the "joint defence" of

French Indo-China will be discussed at a meeting of the Committee of the Japanese Privy Council to-day, it was learned in Tokyo yesterday.

The agreement is expected to be ratified this afternoon at a meeting held in the presence of the Emperor.

Meanwhile, advice to the Japanese was offered by the Finance Minister, Mr. Masatsune Ogura, during a newspaper interview yesterday in Tokyo.

He said: "The people must not be dismayed at the action by the United States in freezing Japanese assets but place all their faith in their own government." — Reuter.

SURPRISE WHEELER STATEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The freezing order apparently has the wholehearted support of the United States Congress.

Senator Wheeler, chief spokesman for the non-interventionist bloc, said that while he did not think it necessary to go to war with Japan, putting pressure on Japan might discourage further aggressive acts.

"For the first time I am in agreement with the President," he added.

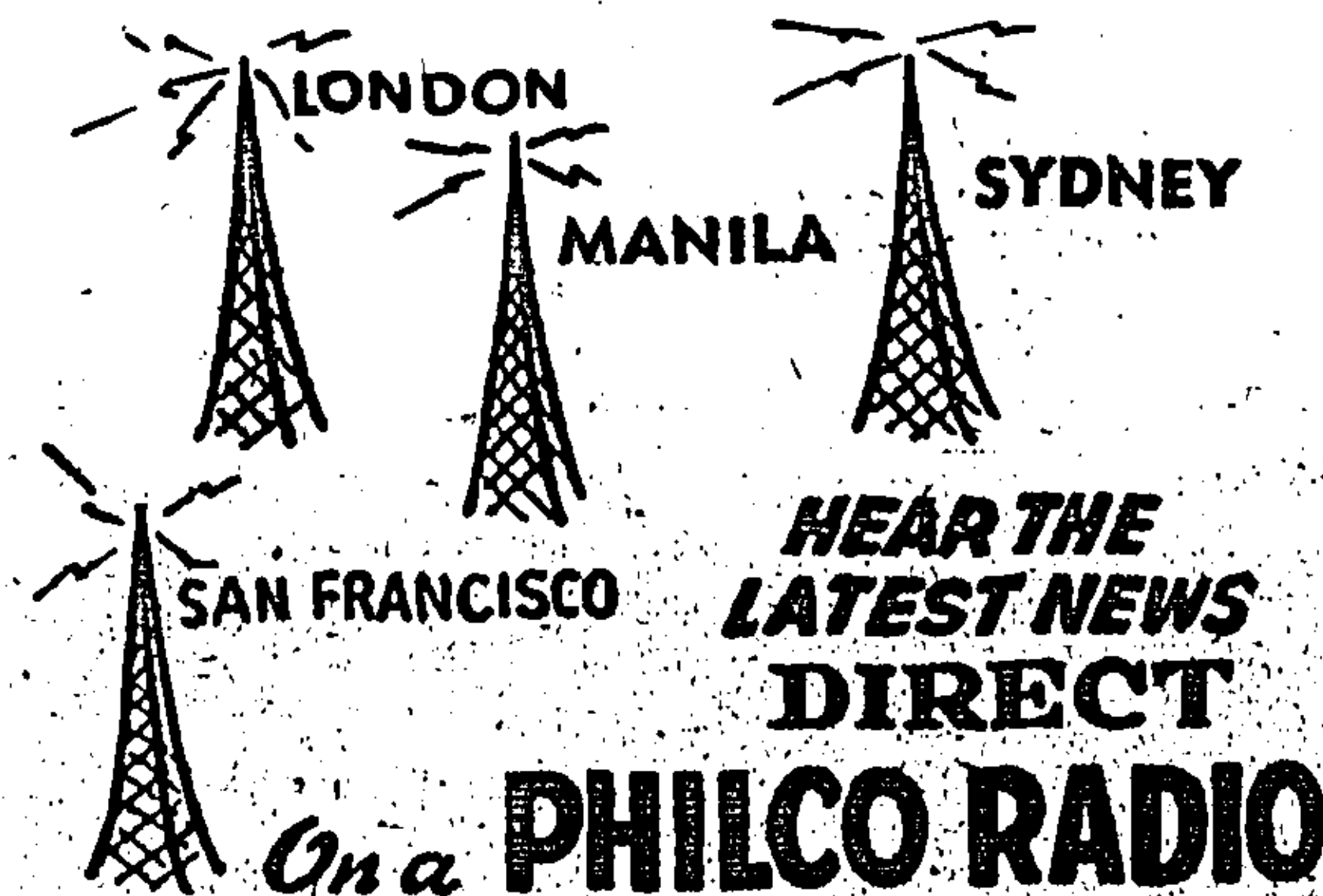
Senator Claude Pepper, interventionist, said: "In dealing with the Japanese we can use no other language but force." — International News Service.

CANADIAN SUPPLY OF BRITAIN

The rapid increase in Canada's exports of war materials and food to Great Britain and her allies was emphasised in a statement in Ottawa yesterday by the Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. James A. Macpherson.

Canada's export trade increased by 30 per cent. in June, and there was a similar increase for the first six months of the present year over the same period of last year.

Exports to the United Kingdom, during the first six months, increased by 28 per cent. and to the United States by 33 per cent. The increase to the Straits Settlements was 72 per cent. while that to the Netherlands East Indies had recently been doubled, and exports to the Philippines were up by 33 per cent. — Reuter.



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"TO-NIGHT BRITISH AND AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARE PATROLLING THE ATLANTIC ON PARALLEL LINES, WITH ONLY ONE OBJECT IN VIEW, NAMELY, TO GUARD THE WORLD'S LIFELINE," SAID PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PERSONAL ENVOY, MR. HARRY HOPKINS, DURING A BROADCAST FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Hopkins mentioned that the bomber in which he flew the Atlantic recently was accompanied by 20 other bombers, and he declared thousands of American aircraft had already been flown across the Atlantic or had been shipped to Britain.

"I came here on business which is the same as that of every other American, down to the man who drives a rivet in the shipyards or runs a lathe in aeroplane factories or the business of safeguarding our heritage of freedom of thought and action."

Mr. Hopkins declared: "Right now Hitler is seriously threatening this heritage of ours."

"The President, speaking for the American nation, is rendering more than lip service to Britain. Even now American destroyers are plunging their bows into the waters of the North Atlantic."

Bridge Of Admiration

"Once this mighty ocean separated us. Now it joins us."

"The President is at one with Mr. Churchill in determination to break the ruthless power of that sinful psychopathic of Berlin."

After declaring he had carried out President Roosevelt's instructions to find out just what Britain needed now and whether cargoes

were arriving safely, Mr. Hopkins continued:

"To-day the Atlantic is merely a channel. A bridge of friendship spans it."

"A bridge of sympathy and admiration extends from Washington to London, and although unseen, is so strong that all the powers of darkness and Nazi terrorism cannot destroy it."

"We no longer measure distance in miles. The Hun is only 21 miles from Dover, yet he and his pagan ways are 2,000 years away from Dover."

Tangible Form

"Like most Americans I feel that your fight is a fight for the freedom of the whole world and that it must not, and will not, fail."

"At one time you received messages of goodwill from America. The President realised that was not enough."

"He realised sympathy is human but that a Flying Fortress can drop more bombs. He knew admiration was pleasing but that a

U.S. ON LOOK OUT FOR SABOTAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Armed Coast Guards are patrolling Los Angeles harbour and the fish harbour, where 3,000 Japanese operate a fishing fleet.

Precautions have been taken against sabotage since the fishing fleet is anchored near the U.S. naval base docks and defence plants. International News Service.

destroyer could drop depth charges.

"The Lease and Lend Bill was the answer, putting our admiration and sympathies into tangible form and providing a weapon against the tyrant—against the man who would enslave our Democracies."

"Until now Britain has not been told just what help America has given. Publication of exact figures might give the enemy valuable information and jeopardise the Atlantic lifeline."

Thousands Of 'Planes

"Now that lifeline is much stronger. No enemy action can now stop the ceaseless line of ships coming here daily, laden with something much more substantial than hopes and sympathy."

During the past few months thousands of American-made aeroplanes have been flown across the Atlantic or shipped to Britain.

"A vast programme for building thousands of giant Boeing four-engined bombers is far advanced and Hitler will not be able to move his factories far enough to escape their devastating power of destruction."

"America has already sent several hundred tanks throughout your Empire. Many more are en route."

"Ocean-going ships, many of them oil tankers, have been transferred to Britain. The greatest merchant ship building programme ever undertaken is in progress."

American Promise

"Rivetting never stops night and day. We can promise there will be ships to carry food, oil and ammunition."

"To-day American-made tanks are caterpillaring over the sands of the eastern deserts. To-day every kind of American-made aeroplanes are roaring into combat wherever the Luftwaffe shows fight."

"To-day British factories are in full production using machine-tools made in America."

"Yet we realise our part to-day has not been great. Our contribution has been but a modest part in your great war effort."

"Blood, toll, sweat and tears have been yours—not ours. We realise this and there is a reason for our apparent slowness."

Hands Joined

"Factories geared to peacetime production had to be converted overnight. It took time to realise that the war might be decided in the factories of Detroit and Los Angeles, in the Pittsburgh steel mills, in the Pennsylvania mines."

"That is realised to-day. American industry now joins hands with the men who work for Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Bovin in forgetting disputes, in limiting holidays, in sacrificing all for the common victory."

"I am not talking of the distant future, nor of estimates based

'GERMAN' ATTACK LAUNCHED ON ENGLISH CITIES

AT DAWN YESTERDAY the biggest "invasion" exercises ever staged in Britain began in and around Reading. While "German" planes roared over the town and parachutists descended, Fifth Columnists endeavoured to create a diversion.

At the same time, air borne troops, equipped with armoured vehicles landed in the neighbourhood.

The Home Guard and Fire Service and all other branches of the civil defence services took part, the Home Guards particularly distinguished themselves in the clever use of local knowledge to delay the "invaders" pending arrival of the heavily armed infantry.

Smoke screens, gas, tanks and all modern methods were introduced.

In London and Nottingham, large scale exercises were also carried out and spectators witnessed fierce street fighting between "invading" tanks and the Home Guards.—Reuter.

on speculation.

"Ships now being built in America were only paper pictures on blueprints a few months ago. Now they are translated into wood and steel. Soon they will be aloft, strengthening the supply line between Britain and America."

"We have not neglected the question of food. America will never allow the British people to go hungry."

Huge Quantities

"America has decided to decrease consumption of food and increase production. During the next 12 months huge quantities of cheese, pork, eggs, canned salmon, raisins, evaporated milk and concentrated fruit juice will arrive here."

"Thousands of miscellaneous articles important to the war effort are also on their way from aviation petrol to road-building machinery, chemicals of all kinds and metals."

"These are coming in increasing volume. The Lend and Lease Bill has given the President specific authority to foster this great programme of production and delivery."

"NOR DO WE FORGET TO LOOK TOWARDS THE EAST WHERE CHINA IS BATTLING VALIANTLY AGAINST THE FORCES MENACING DEMOCRACY. NEITHER ARE WE FORGETFUL OF THE MAGNIFICENT FIGHT THE RUSSIANS ARE PUTTING UP IN THE DEFENCE OF THEIR HOMELAND."

Delivery Will Be Made

"We Americans are determined to give China and Russia all possible aid—and immediately!"

"Mr. Churchill asked us for the tools. I promise you they are coming, that an endless assembly belt stretches from our western coast to Britain and to the Middle East and nothing will be allowed to interfere with the full efficiency of this supply line."

"The enormous amount of war material now en route will reach here safely. President Roosevelt promised that he will take steps to ensure the delivery of goods consigned to England. President Roosevelt does not give his word lightly."

"Peoples of Britain—the peoples of the British Commonwealth—you are not fighting alone." —Reuter.

FILM STARS HAVE LUCK CHARMS

They seldom admit they're actually superstitious but few motion picture folks will deny they don't possess some necromantic good luck charm or idiocratic habit which they keep with them constantly in their work.

The peculiarities may vary from new shoes Joan Crawford insists on wearing for her first scene to Hedy Lamarr's practice of remaining abed on Friday, 13th, but nevertheless they all have 'em.

For instance, Sonja Henie won't live in a house having an odd number of front steps and Claudette Colbert exits from the same door through which she enters. Madeleine Carroll will take highly uncomfortable hotel rooms just so their number add up to her lucky eight and Dorothy Lamour won't play a death scene.

Before entering the army, Jimmy Stewart wore the same shoes in each of his last 25 pictures. Brian Donlevy thinks wearing any clothing belonging to Clark Gable will bring him luck. Ann Sothern has an old wicker rocking chair she's kept in her dressing room for years and Norma Shearer wouldn't part with the make-up table she first started with—and Rosalind Russell refuses to discard a tattered dressing gown.

Screenwriters who put wacky gags in film stories literally give John Carradine a pain. In "Blood and Sand" he had to gulp several whole hardboiled eggs, and almost strangled. Propmen excavated the yolks and sealed the eggs with an edible— they then passed smoothly over Carradine's Adam's apple and, instead of strangling, all he had was a stomach ache.

A dentist who grew tired of tooth yanking and turned actor plays the role of a dentist in his next picture. He's Edgar Buchanan and he'll have to learn dentistry as it was done 50 years ago for the film "Texas."

If you've ever wondered why movie rain never drowns out the dialogue the answer is that it falls on an excelsior-covered floor.

LONDON AIR RAID

The air raid alert was sounded in London early this morning, and was followed by gunfire, states a brief Reuter message.

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BLITZKRIEG A WASH-OUT

Magnificent Defence Of The Soviet Armies

"Smolensk Battle Will Be Studied For Many Years"

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT RECEIVED BY AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY SHOWS THAT DURING THE PAST WEEK THE OPPOSING LINES REMAINED PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED WITH THE RUSSIAN FORCES PUTTING UP A MAGNIFICENT DEFENCE. THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION FROM THE ARCTIC TO THE BLACK SEA.

The only advance worth mentioning has been a very slight one by the Germans on the Finnish front but this is so slight that it can be regarded as having no military significance.

News of the annihilation of two German divisions is claimed to be a very severe setback to the German invaders but it is pointed out that with the huge numbers of men now taking part in the fighting it must not be regarded as a major defeat for the Germans.

"We cannot yet give particulars about the vast Smolensk Battle, but we shall do it as soon as we have finally beaten the Germans there," declared the Vice-president of the Information Board, M. Lozovsky, at his press conference in Moscow yesterday.

"It is a battle that will be studied for many years," he added. Speaking of the raids on Moscow, he reiterated that only a small percentage of the German planes broke through to Moscow, and most of them perished. He thought the Germans could not keep it up.

Heavy Casualties

Remarking on the fact that many German bombers were brought down near Moscow with much petrol aboard, he said the Germans were mostly obliged to operate from distant bases, any new aerodromes near the front being subjected to continuous Russian bombing, involving the destruction of German machines. Reverting to the war on land, M. Lozovsky said: "We inflict numerous casualties in killed and wounded, and also take many prisoners."

He also declared that details would shortly be given of the surrender of an entire Slovak mechanized regiment.

A Wash-Out

"THE BLITZKRIEG IS A WASH-OUT," HE ADDED. "WHEN WE DECLARED, IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE SURPRISE ATTACK, THAT THE LOSS OF CERTAIN TERRITORIES WAS NOT VITAL, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT WE EXAGGERATED."

"But, the Soviet Union, with scores of industrial centres, can afford to lose a small proportion of her territory."

I asked M. Lozovsky (says Reuter's "Special" Correspondent, in Moscow) for particulars of the bombing of the Ploesti pipeline, in the centre of the Rumanian oil fields, and he smiled, saying: "Ploesti, there is nothing left but the name."—Reuter.

Three Divisions Destroyed

Moscow reports that three Nazi divisions have been destroyed in the past few days and that a highly strategic island at the mouth of the Danube has been captured, while Russian troops along the entire front repulsed fresh Nazi onslaughts and counter-attacked at several points.

The sixth successive attempted mass air attack on Moscow failed, only a few raiders getting through the city's defences.

Most of the German bombs were dropped on the outskirts of the city. Six raiders were downed, out of the 100 which are estimated to have participated in the attack.

Daring Danube Feat

In a daring feat, threatening to cut off the southern anchor of the whole Nazi front and placing the Red Army in a position to strike at Rumania's chief Black Sea ports, a Russian torpedo-boat flotilla, covered by shore guns on the Bessarabian coast, seized an island identified only by the letter "K" in one of the Danube outlets.

LONDON VIEW OF EASTERN FRONT

ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION on the Russian front is confusing to military observers in other countries it is felt in authoritative circles in London that all signs pointed to the fact that there had not been any serious or marked change in the position during the last week—the fifth week of the German onslaught.

There were few signs of any further advance of the Nazi hordes and only a small advance by the Finns in the north. Communiqués and reports coming in confirmed the view that the Russian armies are doing well at present.

The Russian air force, doing extraordinarily good work, particularly in attacking armoured formations and oil refineries at Ploesti, in Rumania.

Great significance is attached to the chance of tone of the German propaganda machine, which recently claimed that the Russians were throwing in their last reserves.

The German High Command spokesman said last night that it became evident that the enemy, in spite of heavy losses—which the Russians themselves have mentioned in their own communi-

qu岸—was still able to throw fresh units into battle. Time and again very fierce Russian counter-offensives have been checked.

He followed this by the statement: "If you review this state of affairs without bias you must comprehend that such a battle takes time," quite forgetting that he had already announced that organised resistance in Russia was ending, that the Stalin line was pierced everywhere by the invincible Nazis and that the Russian campaign would end as quickly as the "blitzkrieg" in the west.—British Wireless.

German Convoy Losses

Last night's Soviet communiqué said: "Our troops fought on Sunday in the Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions. There were no important engagements in other sectors."

"During Saturday 104 German aircraft were destroyed for the loss of 12 Soviet machines."

"During Saturday vesels of the Baltic Fleet sank two enemy destroyers, one submarine and two transports loaded with fuel and put out of action a coast-guard vessel."

"One German infantry division has been annihilated."

"During the German raid on Moscow on the night of Saturday/Sunday eight, and not six, German planes were shot down."—Reuter.

NAZI TRAIN DISASTER IN POLAND

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Soviet Information Bureau in Moscow announces that the Nazi Gestapo have made numerous arrests following a collision between German troop and freight trains near Warsaw.

More than 2,000 were killed and injured in the collision, it was reported.—International News Service.

AFGHANS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN KABUL ON SATURDAY AGAIN DECLARED AFGHANISTAN'S NEUTRALITY IN THE PRESENT WAR.

The Government wished that there be no misapprehension abroad.

The declaration said that Afghanistan strictly adhered to her policy of perfect neutrality and maintained extremely cordial relations with the belligerent powers.—Reuter.

NO RICE SHORTAGE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Market experts in San Francisco expect there will be no rice shortage as a result of the freeing order.

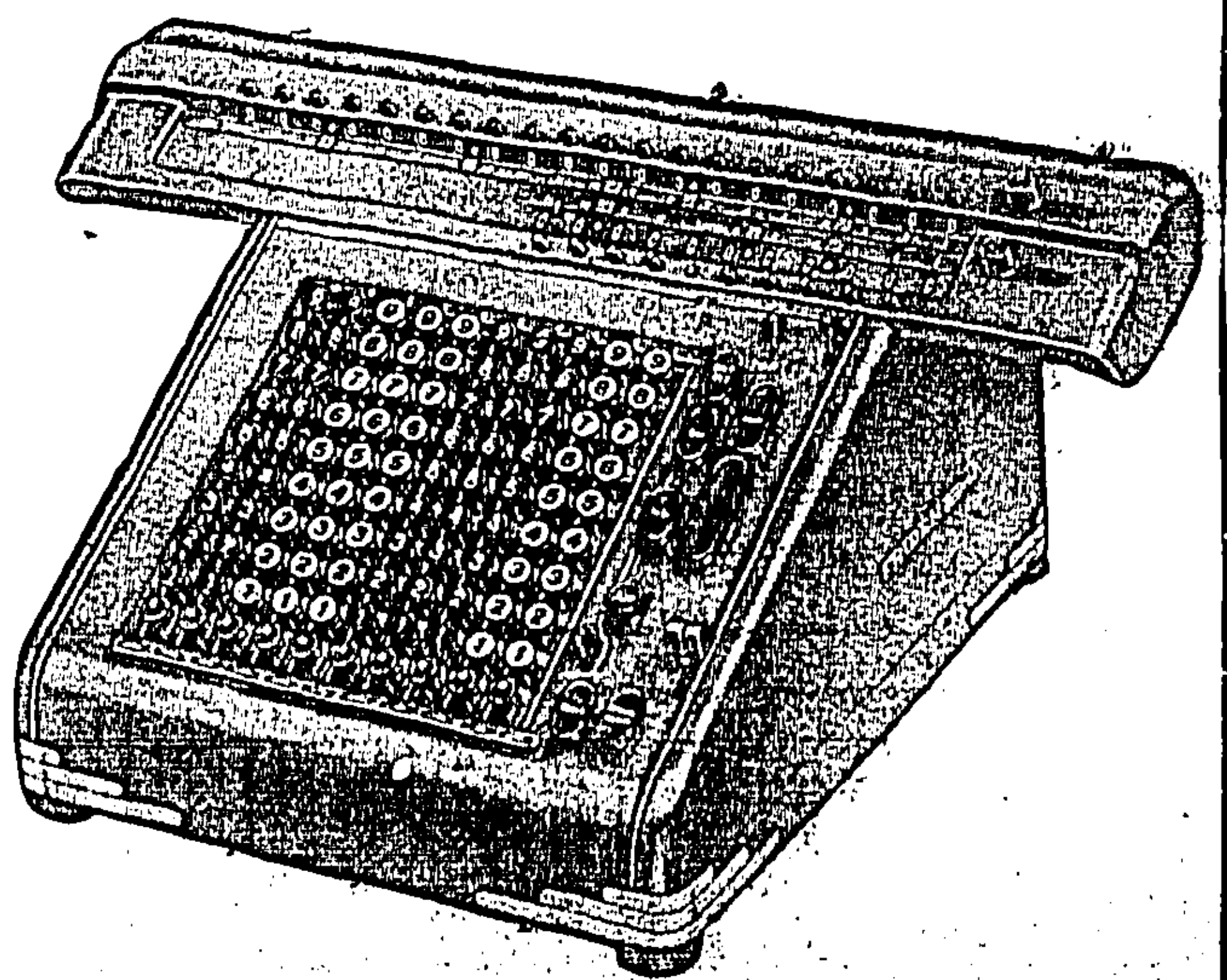
California, Texas and Louisiana produce enough rice for the nation's needs and export.—International News Service.

DOMINION STATUS

The Indian Non-Party Leaders' Conference at Poona passed a resolution demanding complete reconstruction of the Viceroy's Executive Council and urging a declaration specifying the time limit where the new constitution for India will be inaugurated, according her the same status as Great Britain and the Dominions.—Reuter.

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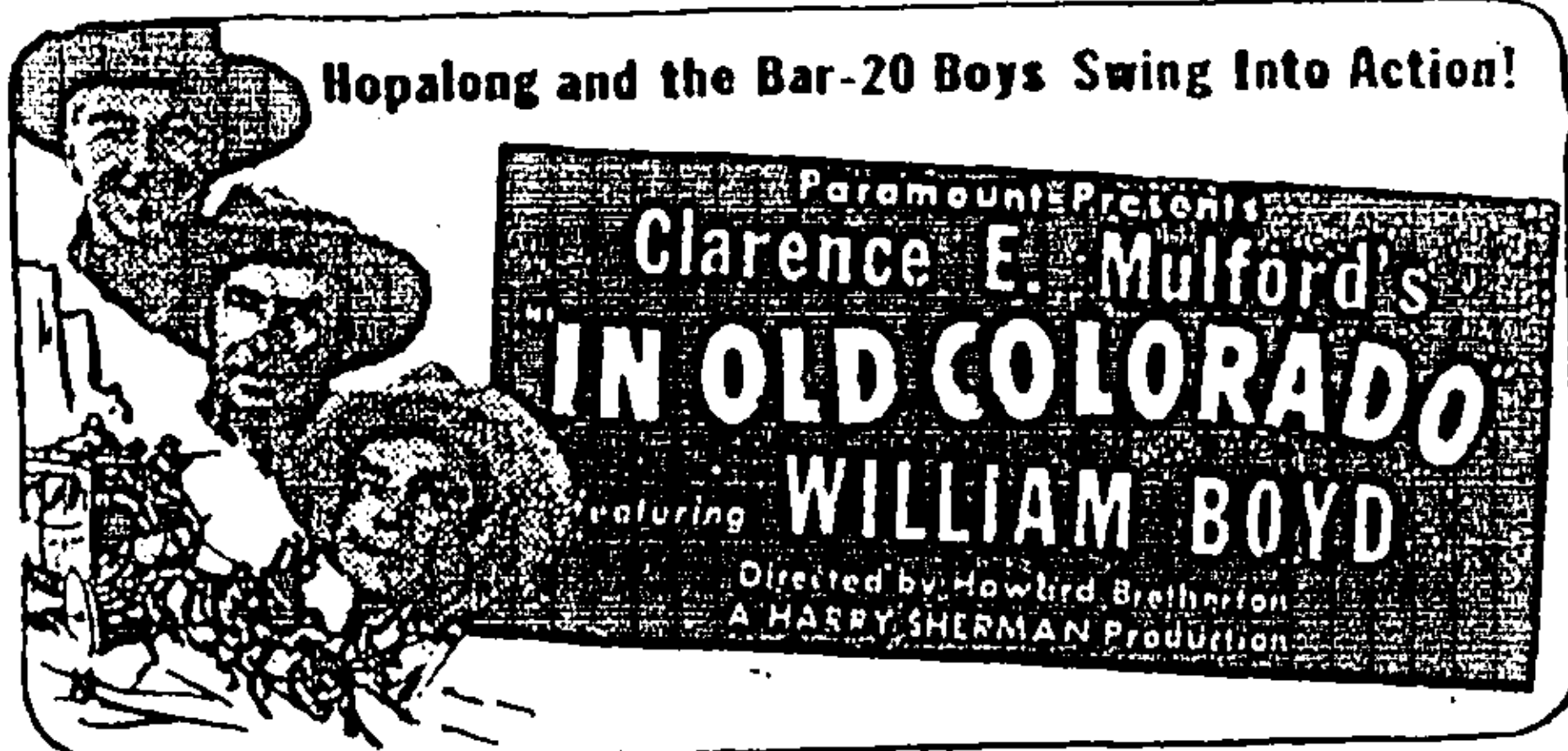
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THRILLING STORY OF ATTACKS ON A CONVOY

DETAILS ARE NOW GIVEN BY A CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET OF THE ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY OF A CONVOY—ADMIRAL SOMERVILLE HAVING GIVEN THE ORDER, "CONVOY MUST GO THROUGH."

Only one merchantman was damaged in the passage through the central Mediterranean and the dangerous narrow sea between Sicily and the Libyan Coast, but she arrived at the destination limping under her own steam.

The correspondent writes: "Protecting warships suffered most at the hands of the enemy. The price the navy paid in fighting the convoy through was the destroyer Fearless sunk, a cruiser damaged by an aerial torpedo and a destroyer damaged by a near miss.

"Twelve enemy aircraft were shot down and many others so badly mauled by fighters that it is doubtful if they regained their bases.

"The Ark Royal's fighters again played a memorable part in smashing attacks on enemy formations. Six fighters were lost but the crews of four saved.

"The battleship Renown, flagship, and cruisers steamed together.

"Spotted on the second day out we expected attacks but nothing happened till next day, when the peaceful scene under brilliant moonlight changed swiftly to one of roaring action.

Full Of Thrills

"The next half hour was full of thrills for the troops in the care of the Navy. They heard the cracking roar of over 100 A.A. guns and the terrific tattoo of pom-poms and machine-guns.

"They saw the blue sky fouled with smoke and hundreds of bursting shells and bombs crunching the sea as a formation of high level bombers and torpedo bombers came in simultaneous attacks.

"Fighters met the bombers and tore into them swiftly. Two fell flaming in the sea. Bombs fell around the warships and among the merchantmen and destroyers.

"Then we saw torpedo bombers skimming the wave tops weaving through the lines of ships. Three were shot down into the sea.

"As the attack finished we saw a column of black smoke, obviously burning oil, coming from the stern of the destroyer Fearless two miles away. We learned, too, that a cruiser had been hit.

"No other attack came during the day but in the evening fighters smashed an attack by torpedo bombers before they reached gun range. Two were shot down and others damaged.

Italians Flee

"Next morning fighters roared up from the aircraft carrier and intercepted a formation of eight Italian bombers.

"Nearly a score of bombs dropped on the horizon as the enemy planes jettisoned loads and fled. Two were shot down in flames.

"Four torpedo bombers attacked. Three torpedoes passed close to two cruisers.

"Later a high level attack was made and twenty bombs were dropped, one near-missing a destroyer which was damaged.

"At midnight the sea was brilliantly lit by flares dropped by enemy aircraft searching for the convoy.

"In the early hours of the morning E-boats attacked for one

hour. One was sunk by gunfire and another damaged.

"A torpedo found its mark on one of the convoy. A destroyer drew alongside and embarked the troops. The ship was able to continue although subsequently twice unsuccessfully attacked.

"Six JU dive bombers tried to attack this ship and a cruiser claimed one by gunfire."—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI BOY'S SUCCESS

Mr. Herbert James Starling, L.R.A.M., the twenty-four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Starling, of "Hungjao," Uphill Road, Uphill, and formerly of Shanghai, gave a first performance of Preludes, his own composition, at a recent concert at the Town Hall, Newport, Mon.

One Welsh paper describes him as "a young composer with a most promising future."

He has studied in England, China and Japan, and his work is much admired by musicians.

The young composer, who is at present serving in the R.A.M.C., was born in Shanghai. Of the recent concert at Newport, the "South Wales Argus" stated— "The central interest of the concert was the first public performance of 'Six Short Preludes,' by Herbert Starling. They were very short, but they were beautiful, full of meaning, the work of a composer who definitely had something to say and said it with beauty and authority. The audience was delighted by the preludes."

RAIN FINISHES JOB DONE BY BOMBS

Mr. Hollington Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity, his wife, and an American guest, Dr. Frank Price from Chengtu, were having breakfast on the ground floor when their residence suddenly collapsed. All escaped injury though covered with dust and debris.

Strong floors above held the debris a few seconds, just long enough for the three of them to make a dash into the yard.

Mr. Tong's house was damaged during the recent bombings, and was rendered almost uninhabitable, though the building remained standing.

Dr. Price, an American missionary, from Chengtu, who was spending the week-end with the Tong family, was having breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Tong, when a heavy downpour started. Suddenly the roof came down and all three would certainly have been killed had it not been for the strong wooden floor above them which held the debris a few seconds, after which the building collapsed in a thundering crash audible a mile away.

Mr. Tong, who is in charge of China's international publicity, has many friends among foreign diplomats and journalists.

The narrow escape experienced by Mr. Tong must have been the experience of many others in Chungking for throughout the city the dull thud of collapsing buildings was audible as buildings damaged during recent bombings were unable to stand the heavy downpour.

However, while the rain is bringing untold miseries, and probably casualties, to the Chungking populace, farmers in the Szechuen countryside are jubilant as the eagerly-awaited rain finally arrived, in time to save their crops.—Reuter.

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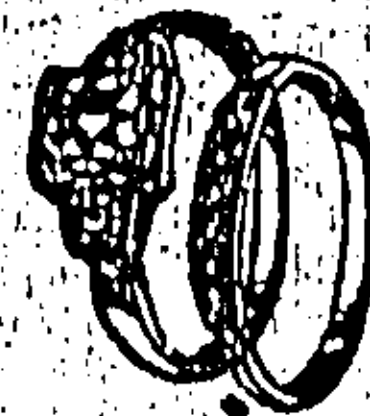
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LEADERS DESERT CONGRESS

Resignation from Congress of Mr. Munshi, former Home Minister in the Bombay Congress Government, followed by that of Dr. Satyapal, who was a member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, is regarded by competent observers as an indication of growing dissatisfaction with Mr. Gandhi's policy amongst his own followers.

In a resignation statement to the Press, upon which the influential Congress organ "Hindustan Standard" congratulated him, Dr. Satyapal pertinently asks: "What harm can accrue from our helping the British to win a war to save us from the evil fate of foreign invasion."

He suggests that non-cooperation by Congress is more apparent than real because he states Congressmen are pestering the gaol authorities for release on

ALSATIANS TOLD TO DROP FRENCH NAMES

THE RUTHLESSNESS of Nazi efforts to convert Alsace-Lorraine, proclaimed in France as "the dearest provinces" of that country just before their re-annexation by Germany into German provinces is significantly illustrated by a document which reached the New York "Herald Tribune" recently.

Its authenticity cannot be doubted. It is a letter from a German police official in charge at Strasbourg to an Alsatian living in a neighbouring district and contains the "request" that the addressee drop his French name and adopt a German one, "or else." A translation of the letter, dated last February, follows in part:—

"You have omitted hitherto to appear before the district commissary in authority for your place of residence and put in an application for you and your family to change your French name. In the now German Alsace it is unbearable that citizens have a French name. Profession of loyalty to Germanism is contingent upon having a German name. On Alsatian territory there must be a particular clarity in every respect; those who still have a French name manifest a French attitude."

The writer goes so far as to tell the addressee that it is his duty "as a patriot" to change his name. "Every one who wishes his homeland and his people well must regard it as his patriotic duty to adopt a German name" the letter continues. "In doing this he erects the grandest memorial to his fathers and forefathers. Hereby you are once more offered a chance to produce evidence of your German way of thinking."

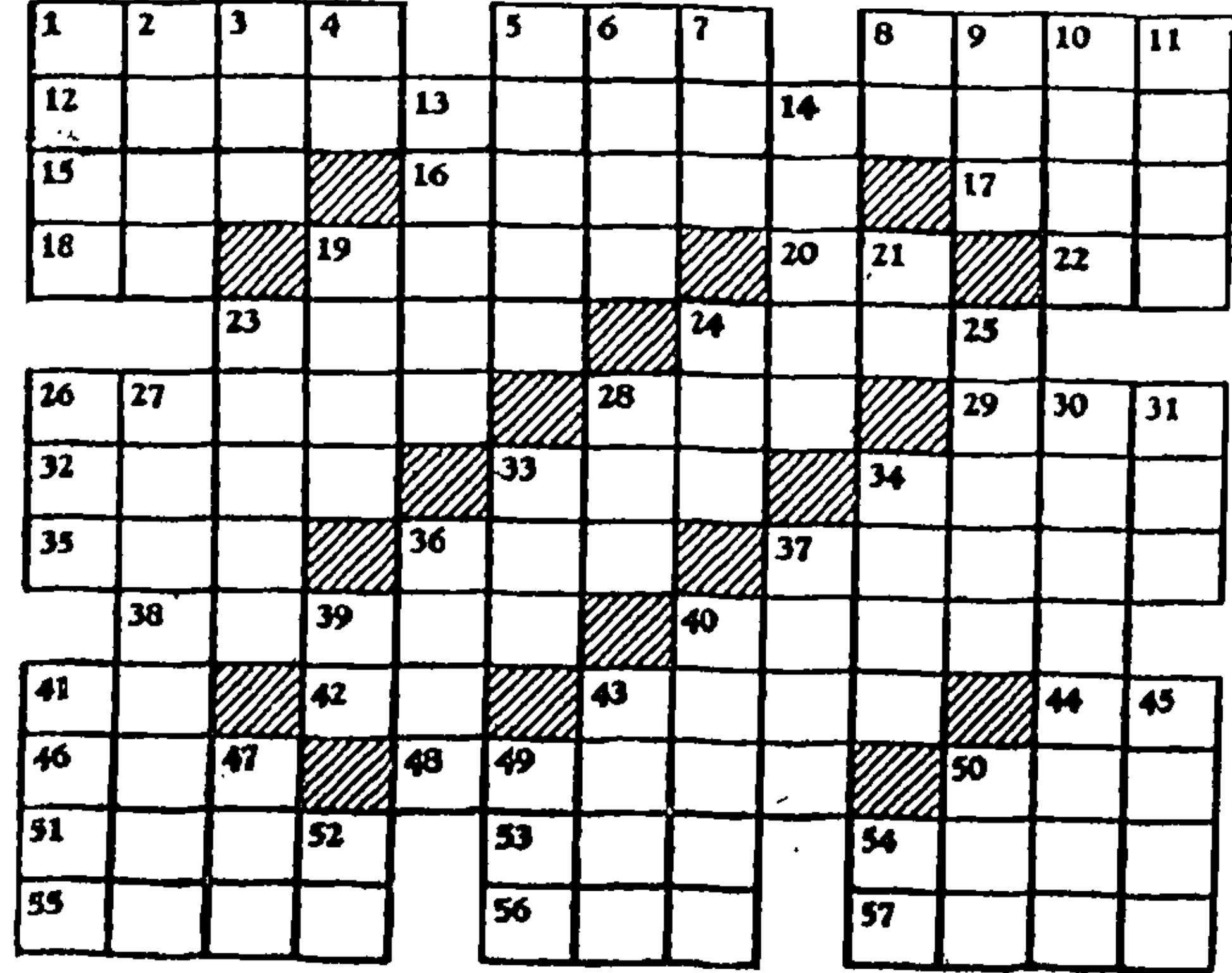
It seems that the German official had some doubts about the effectiveness of his argument, for he assumed a threatening tone in the last part of the letter: "For the last time you are requested herewith to move WITHIN EIGHT DAYS for a change of your French first or family name before the Bureau of the District Commissary on . . . March, 1941, at 3 p.m. and submit the reason for your refusal."

"You non-appearance in that case will result in your being brought before the commissary by force. Signed . . ."

It may be noted that the letter provides for a change of the French first or family name of the addressee, which indicates that it is a copy of a circular letter which probably was sent out in numbers.

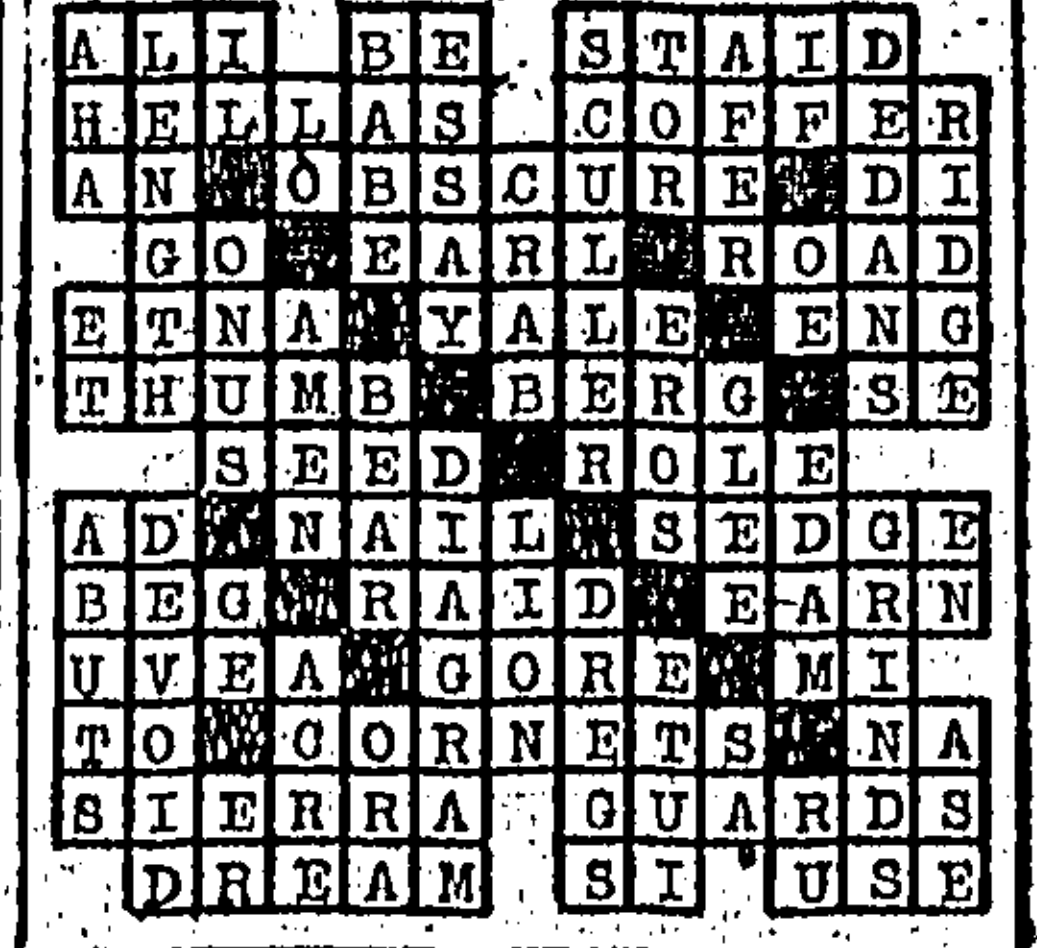
The pressure brought on these former citizens of France to adopt German names recalls the storm of indignation that swept Germany when Benito Mussolini ordered German families in the formerly Austrian Tyrol to adopt Italian names after the Italians annexed that region as a result of the Treaty of St. Germain in 1919.

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- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 To cripple
 - 2 Arabian
 - 3 garment
 - 4 Repeat
 - 5 Unreliable
 - 6 Confederate general
 - 7 Stale
 - 8 Club
 - 9 Note of scale
 - 10 To deceive
 - 11 Proposition
 - 12 Therefore
 - 13 Abraded
 - 14 Explosive missile
 - 15 Edge
 - 16 Colour
 - 17 Division of a play
 - 18 Kiln
 - 19 Vast age
 - 20 Malaysian craft
 - 21 Ibsen character
 - 22 Fear
 - 23 Onward
 - 24 Grecian island
 - 25 Fetters
 - 26 Sun god
 - 27 Seal
 - 28 To redact
 - 29 Whether
 - 30 Cloth measure
 - 31 Greek mythological character
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Room in a harem
 - 2 Winglike
 - 3 Girl's name
 - 4 Above
 - 5 Stringed instrument
 - 6 Hindu cymbals
 - 7 To reveal
 - 8 Plane surface
 - 9 Wrath
 - 10 Pronoun
 - 11 Protective covering for clothing
 - 12 To bubble up
 - 13 Emmet
 - 14 Note of scale
 - 15 To recede
 - 16 Cry of sorrow
 - 17 Mother of Apollo
 - 18 Long-legged bird
 - 19 Surgical thread
 - 20 Receptacle for holy water
 - 21 Sacred Hindu word
 - 22 More learned
 - 23 Small cake
 - 24 Nobleman
 - 25 Large snake
 - 26 Knavish
 - 27 Deer
 - 28 To reflect upon
 - 29 Label
 - 30 Sheep
 - 31 To conspire
 - 32 Small particle
 - 33 Solo
 - 34 Spanish article
 - 35 Perfect
 - 36 Actual
 - 37 Scandinavian literary work
 - 38 Cost
 - 39 Malay ribbon
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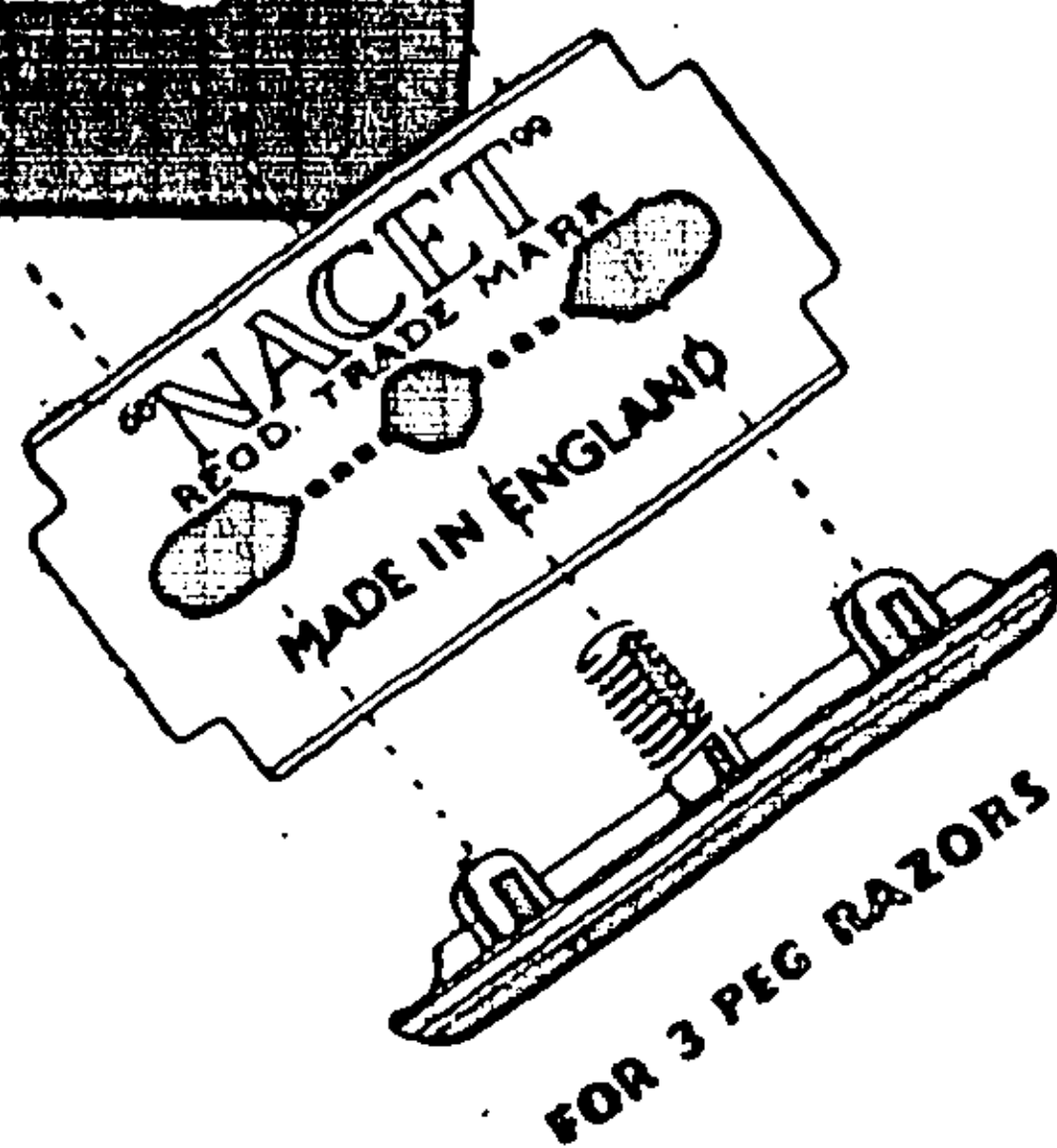
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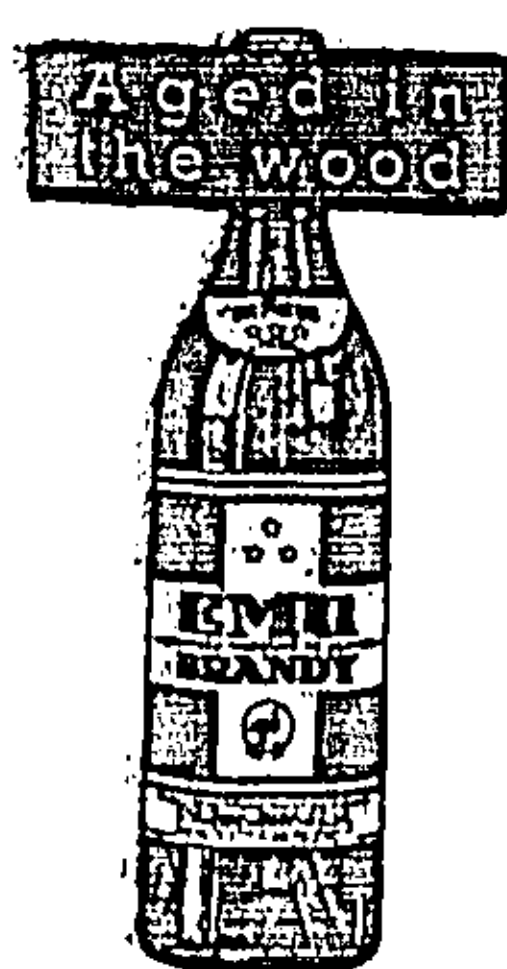
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THE R.A.F. BOYS WHO BATTERED BERLIN—For nearly three hours recently, a strong force of R.A.F. bombers battered the centre of Berlin. Photo shows them bombing up. Ground staff attaching fuses before loading planes with bombs for Berlin.

AFTER FASHION OF NAZI OCCUPATION OF DENMARK

JAPANESE OCCUPATION of Indo-China, ostensibly effected at the invitation of Vichy for assistance in defending Indo-China against British aggression, and in virtue of an agreement between Vichy and Tokyo which was yesterday the subject of lengthy communiques issued in both centres, is recognised everywhere as an act of aggression which in kind differs but little from German occupation of Denmark.

Vichy's "invitation" was given with the same freedom as that of a traveller who surrenders his purse to a highwayman.

Outside Axis countries and probably to large extent within them, no responsible students of affairs are deceived by the gloss which Japan has attempted to put on her aggressive act and in France no less than in Indo-China, the French people will doubtless treat with contempt the efforts which Darlan and his associates are making to give a semblance of dignity to an act which in fact constitutes a new humiliation.

Some surprise is expressed in London that there should even be an attempt on the part of Japan with the open concurrence of Vichy to represent this move as a defensive measure against non-existent threats from Britain and America.

As the Foreign Secretary remarked in the Commons on Friday: "Propaganda of this kind is a customary prelude to fresh acts of violence by the Axis and their associates."

Parallel Action

The two great Powers, Britain and the United States, whose interests are affected in similar ways by Japanese action have moved swiftly in the face of the potential threat. The action taken by both, after close consultation, is on parallel lines, and the freezing of Japanese assets by both the United States and Britain has already been announced.

The Netherlands Government have been kept fully informed and announcements on their behalf following consultation with the Netherlands East Indies are awaited.

Washington reports state that freezing measures which immediately affect Japanese holdings in the United States are estimated to involve some £50,000,000 in Japanese export and import concerns and marks the first of a series of economic moves.

In London, the freezing is achieved as the result of measures already reported.

Washington Statement

A White House statement explains that the "measure in effect

brings all financial and import and export trade transactions in which Japanese interests are involved under the control of the Government and imposes criminal penalties for violation of the order."

The statement adds that China, although a friend of U.S.A., is included "at the specific request of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and for the purpose of helping the Chinese Government."

The step is apparently intended to make the freezing order effective in the Japanese-occupied portions of China.

It was also announced early yesterday that the Netherlands Government in London are in consultation with the Dutch East Indies authorities in Batavia regarding the measures to be taken in view of the Indo-Chinese situation.—British Wireless.

THOMPSON TO TEACH AT U. OF VIRGINIA

Randall Thompson, one of America's foremost composers and for 10 years Director of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, has been elected Professor of Music and head of the Division of Music in the School of Fine Arts of the University of Virginia.

Dr. Thompson, who will join the faculty in September, will fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Arthur Fickenscher, head of Music Division for 21 years.

Dr. Thompson is a native of New York. He received an AB degree at Harvard in 1920, and Masters Degree in 1922. He was a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome from 1922 to 1925. He also studied composing under Ernest Bloch in New York for several years. The degree of Doctor of Music was conferred upon him in 1933 by the University of Rochester.

BOWL OF RICE CAMPAIGN

On Friday next, all Chinese restaurants contributing to the China Defence League's "Bowl of Rice Campaign" will be serving "Bowl of Rice Lunches" to those who buy the tickets now on sale in many centres in Hong Kong. The Campaign, which is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, is for productive relief of Chinese refugees in the Yellow River region, through the establishment of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. The Committee hopes to sell 20,000 tickets in all, making a relief fund of HK\$40,000.

On Saturday morning, in the Coffee Room of the Gloucester Hotel, a group of Hong Kong ladies met at tea to discuss arrangements for selling "Bowl of Rice tickets." Hostesses were Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Secretary of the League, Miss Mon-sing Liao, and Mrs. Chen Han-seng, representing the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. Among those present were Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. M. P. Wong, Mrs. K. C. Yeo, Mrs. Pearl Sung, Mrs. Wong Man, Miss Doris Chan, Mrs. Julia Wang, Mrs. Elsie Soong, Miss Mimi Lau, Miss Adele Lee, Mrs. M. W. Kwan, Miss Maple J. Quon, Miss Constance Lum, the Misses Annie, Zaza and Ada Sufflad, Miss Lo Pui Kin, Mrs. J. M. Tan, Mrs. Rose Tan, Mrs. Y. M. Wen, and others. Mrs. Chen exhibited specimens of the work of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives with samples of towels, uniforms and shoes they were making for Chinese soldiers, and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke asked for assistance in helping to sell tickets in various Hong Kong hotels and restaurants.

During this week, Bowl of Rice tickets will be on sale at the following places in Hong Kong (thanks to the kind permission of the managers and proprietors): Hong Kong Hotel, Gloucester Arcade, St. Francis Hotel, Cafe de Chine, Ying King Restaurant, Golden City, Kwong Chow Hotel, Golden Dragon, Kln Kwok Restaurant, Hotel Cecil, Hotel Metropole, and other central sites. The Town Office of the Bowl of Rice Campaign, where tickets and information may be obtained, is at the Comprador's Office, Belgian Bank, 4a Des Voeux Road, (Phone: 33354).

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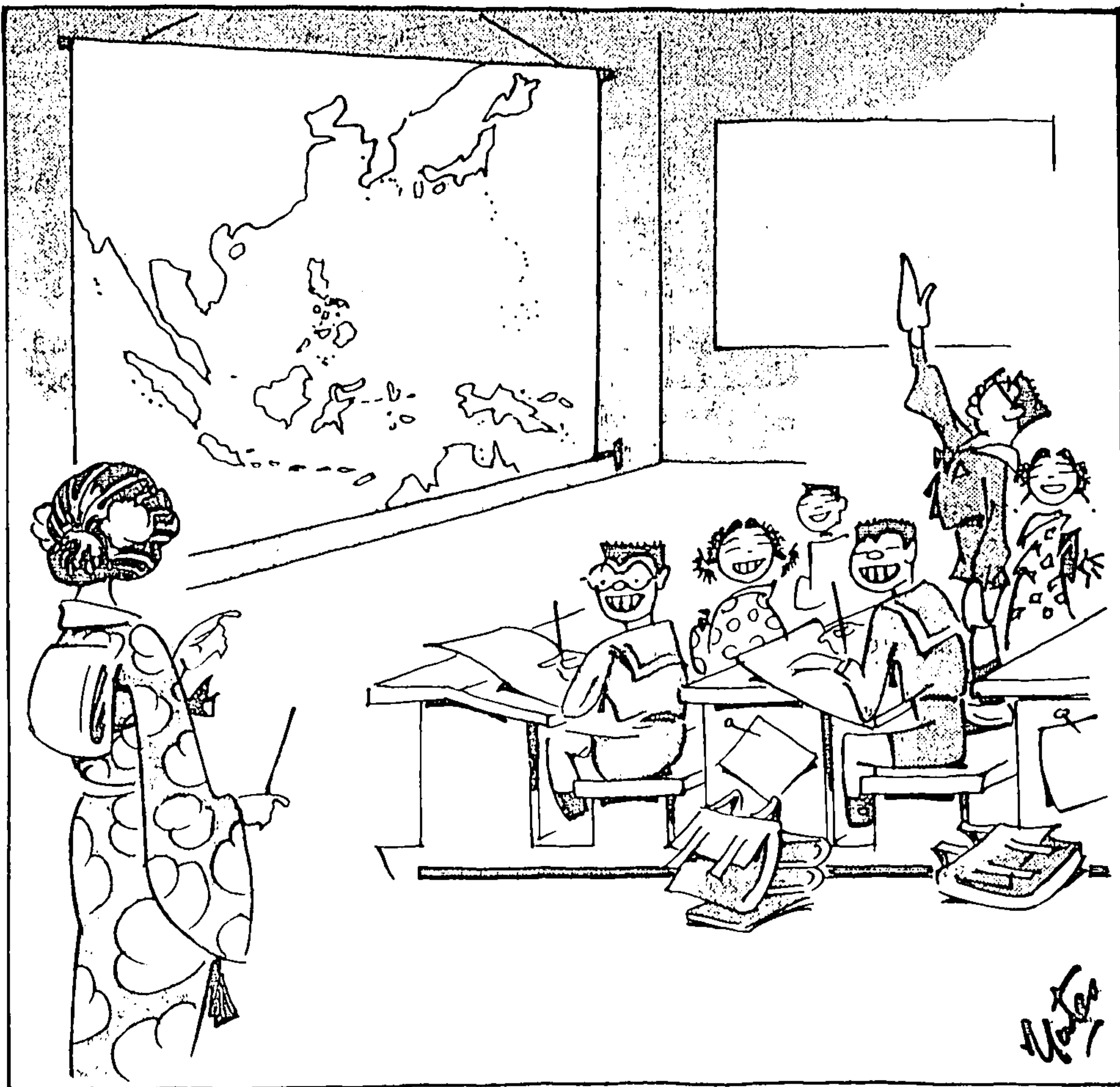
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NAZIS IN NORWAY

Fresh evidence of what happens to the people of a law-abiding and peaceful country when the German Army has crushed out organised resistance and the Nazi Gestapo has taken over control is supplied in the documents seized in the British raid on the Norwegian Lofoten Islands and summarised in a White Paper. All freedom has vanished in Norway. The Gestapo rules supreme, with the native police coerced into acting as its instrument. Gestapo authority is practically unlimited. It may forbid a Norwegian to practice his trade or profession, prohibit assemblies or judicial inquiries, suspend pensions, levy prices, or confiscate all a man's possessions and send him to gaol or to his death. Even the conquering army is instructed not to interfere with the new misrule. It may act only if called upon to enforce compliance with Gestapo edicts.

Yet careful reading of the documents reveals something more; something which German propaganda would hardly wish the world to know. Norwegians, despite close espionage and the severest regulations, are still fighting back as best they can. A letter of instruction to the German police complains of Norwegian unwillingness to accept domination and their set determination to remain anti-German. "At the critical moment," it says, "they pursue a deliberate policy of holding back and waiting to see in order to gain time." They make "only a pretence" of falling in with German policies—policies which would relegate them to the role of obedient serfs of their German masters. Their old organisations have been dissolved and prohibited, yet they refuse to go in under the petty Quislings and promoted traitors placed in authority over them. Wholesale arrests have failed to prevent sabotage; strikes do take place. Norwegian householders refuse to take in Germans seeking lodgings and persist in boycotting the few pro-German Norwegians.

Nazism is finding it a tough job to remold this sturdy people to its pattern of subservience. There is evident in these papers an uneasiness as to what will happen in Norway when the tide turns against the whole dictatorial system.



TEACHER: MENTA-SAN, WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE?
MENTA-SAN: PLEASE TEACHER, WE HAVEN'T YET READ THE MORNING PAPER.

Wind, Sand--- And War

"IN the Solum area our patrols were again active," says the Cairo communique. "That does not tell much except that the war still is on in this burning waste of sand, rock and desert scrub through which runs the Libyan-Egyptian frontier, marked by Mussolini's barbed-wire fence. But behind such brief and vague communiques is bravery and endurance in the midst of extreme physical hardship and ceaseless nervous strain which must be seen to be fully grasped."

Perhaps the nature of the fighting in this desert can best be understood if the setting is sketched first.

The Western Desert is one of the most disagreeable places which ever became the stage for a military campaign. It has none of the relieving beauty often found in the Sahara or our own South-western desert. Except along the Mediterranean shore where the turquoise waters break over jagged white rocks and roll in on sandy beach, as at Mersa Matruh, where ages ago Cleopatra used to go bathing with Antony, it is stark ugliness.

From Solum southeastward runs a ridge sharply dividing the coastal plain from the desert plateau. The only towns are sun-baked settlements paced along the railway which hugs the coast and highway, now badly marked by British naval guns, which carries on westward from the railroad at Mersa Matruh. After Mersa Matruh there is not a whole building among all these towns. They were utterly wrecked in last Winter's fighting.

On the escarpment—the desert plateau—there is nothing but hundreds of miles of dead plain. There is no water except from rare brackish wells, nothing to make human life possible. Even the Bedouins, who apparently could scratch out a living from the surface of the moon, have not tried to live much in this waste. Occasionally you encounter a herd of gazelles, which flourish in the barest desert; scorpions, and deadly little vipers—the asp which Cleopatra put to her bosom. Little else is living.

This is the season of the Khamsin, that hot wind which sweeps northward from the depths of this desiccated plain and is as wilting as the breath from a furnace. It punishes and depresses. The Bedouins say that five days

of the Khamsin justify any one in murdering his wife.

The temperature usually is well over 100, and if the wind, as it often does at this season, kicks up a sand storm, it creates an inferno which it needs a Dante to describe.

Sand, pulverised to the fineness of flour, gets into everything. It is septic and slight scratches become festering sores.

The detailed ordnance maps show place names on the escarpment, but these names usually indicate only a point where faint caravan tracks cross, perhaps the tomb of some Arab saint. There are a few fortresses built by the Italians, such as Capuzzo, which

By
Harold Denny

are the scene of frequent patrol encounters, and Sofafi on the height at the edge of the escarpment.

Distances are staggering. From Cairo to Solum is 375 miles as the bomber flies. From Solum to Benghazi it is almost as far. From Benghazi to Tripoli it is nearly 600 miles. Over these vast expanses both the British and Axis generals must move men, munitions, food and water. So when you read that one side or the other advances, say, thirty miles, it means little.

Journeying from Cairo to the front you see British activity everywhere, but for military reasons little of it can be described here. Far out in the desert you come upon advanced headquarters so well hidden you might walk over it without knowing it. Deep below the ground officers pore over maps and order new dispositions for the men up forward as spluttering messages inform them of the shifting situation.

In another dugout a high R.A.F. commander plots the movements of his fliers on map. He is in almost minute-by-minute contact with them, now ordering a bombing squadron to go to the aid of some British column, having a hard time, now dispatching fighters to shoot down and drive off German bombers punishing a British ground unit.

Further forward you call on the general who is directly commanding the British columns which are trying to counter the

German advance or carry the battle back to Mussolini. He lives in a trailer captured from some Italian general in the British offensive of last Winter. It is one of a number of widely dispersed vehicles standing in the open plain. In it the general has a bedding roll, a little table on which to work and an electric light. That is about all. His meals are brought from the cook tent some yards away.

The morale, courage and endurance of these British desert fighters are beyond praise. Many of them have been campaigning constantly for seven months without a day's rest or leave, through General Wavell's drive of last Winter clear to Benghazi, then back in that disappointing retreat, and now out here patrolling, harassing and defending the western approaches to Egypt. They admit that they are tired, but they remain cheery and uncomplaining.

Here is what it is like when you reach the absolute front:

Our little party of two correspondents, a British conducting officer and a chauffeur, found the main body of the striking force of the campaign in a wide sandy plain at dusk after a strenuous day, during which, divided into three columns, they had driven the Axis forces from Egypt, all except one body which held out in Hellfire Pass—that two-mile winding gash near Solum which leads from the escarpment down to the coastal plain. The officers' mess was a lean-to tent, furnished with folding tables and chairs, pitched against the side of the cook ruck. The cook was concocting a satisfying dinner from bully beef, canned salad and canned fruit, washed down with tea. Whisky and sodas were served in our honour.

The officers were tired, some of them were unshaven; most of them had not slept for forty-eight hours, and they did not know when they would sleep again, for they were to move out again that evening for another crack at the Germans. It was rather amusing to find the major of the famous Guards Regiment—those most smartly turned out officers in the world—with a two days' beard and circles of reddish mud around his mouth and eyes where he had rubbed his

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GRAPHIC DETAILS OF CAPTURE OF DEIROZZOR

AN INDIAN ARMY observer who has just returned to Simla gives graphic details of the capture of the Vichy stronghold of Deirozzor, principal town of East Syria.

"Our main column", he said, "reached within two miles of the city on July 3 morning. A large formation of Vichy 'planes gave the sepoys their baptism of aerial bombardment but it is remarkable how quickly Indian troops have adapted themselves to aerial warfare.

By midday Deirozzor was in our hands. The whole assault was skilfully planned and perfectly executed. Sikhs, Ghurkas, Punjabs, Marattis, Pathans, Madras, Dogras and British troops all played a leading part in the operation.

"You have achieved the incredible," testified an amazed Vichy officer captured with Vichy troops by two Indian battalions when they captured strong Vichy positions just before Damascus.

An observer says: "I can say without flattery that Indian troops have done something which no troops could have done better and few could have done so well.

"Free French officers at a conference preceding the battle were

highly sceptical of success. A direct assault without artillery preparation, tanks or air bombardment? They shrugged their shoulders. And with one battalion? They raised their hands and looked at each other. But the Indians had done it."

It was their show because a battalion commander temporarily commanded the brigade.

"Next day at 7 p.m., the battalion proceeded to seize Jebel-madani another strong enemy position not very far off which soon after dawn next day was ours.

"The operations were daringly conceived and planned and admirably executed. These troops were later mainly instrumental in the capture of Damascus.—Our Own Correspondent.

SIGNS OF SEVERE LOSSES

One of the signs by which the world knows that the Luftwaffe command is conscious of receiving severe punishment is the publication of claims to have destroyed vast numbers of British aircraft.

This symptom of extreme uneasiness first became apparent during the Battle of Britain, when the Nazis used to publish figures which were almost exactly the reverse of the facts.

In greater or lesser degree the same tendency has been manifest in the intervening months and became more noticeable as the weight of the R.A.F. attack increases.

Thus on Wednesday the Germans claimed 54 R.A.F. machines had been brought down over the Channel, the number of which was increased by ten on Thursday night.

Actually the R.A.F. lost 15 aircraft in Wednesday's engagements—10 fighters and five bombers.

Thursday's magnificently success-

PRINCESS OF WALES

Can Princess Elizabeth become known as the Princess of Wales?

A committee of leading Welsh men and women wants to organise a petition, signed by everyone in the Principality, asking the King to confer that title upon the Princess.

Male Heir

They intend to approach Mr.



Lloyd George when the petition is prepared.

This would be the first time in history for the title to be held by a female in her own right; but the Welsh want the heir to the throne to be more closely linked with the Principality.

A sponsor of the idea said that when the Duke of Windsor held the title he did much for Wales.

"The Princess," he added, "has become a firm favourite with the Welsh people, who presented her with a miniature Welsh cottage some time ago."

A legal expert's view is that the title of Prince of Wales could only be conferred on a male heir to the throne, who may yet be born, and the title of Princess of Wales would go to his wife if he were to marry before succeeding to the throne.

ful assault has brought similar claims which, being published before the R.A.F. announcement revealing actual losses, will doubtless later be increased.

According to the Nazis 32 R.A.F. aircraft were brought down between Calais and La Rochelle.

In fact British losses were 22—15 bombers and seven fighters.

Thirty Nazi machines were destroyed apart from very considerable damage inflicted by bombing. — British Wireless.

REDS & WHITES UNITED

An outburst against the local Russian paper, the "Shanghai Zaria" has been made by the commentator of the "voice of Europe." German radio station in Shanghai.

He has taken the paper to task for expressing the opinion that the thousands of Russians in Shanghai whether White or Red were united in praying for the preservation of their country in the present Nazi drive.

Lashing out against the oldest established Russian paper in Shanghai, the commentator recalled the assassination of Czar Nicholas II and his entire family at Ekaterinburg in 1918 and other reasons which he declared should alienate the cause of the Soviet Union from all White Russians whose sympathies, he asserted, were misplaced.

In the opinion of reliable Russian quarters the paper expressed what was in the minds of a majority of the members of the Shanghai Russian community.

In Shanghai as well and elsewhere the cleavage the Germans had expected to find among the Russians of various political parties in the present issue, has ended in bitter disappointment.

Although divided in political affiliations, it was pointed out, the Whites and the Reds were united in the hope that the country would be spared the humiliation of conquest by a foreign aggressor.

Germans Distrusted

A well-informed member of the local Russian community observed that the commentator showed a deplorable ignorance regarding the history of his country, declaring that the Russian distrust of the Germans was inherent and had endured long before 1917, the outbreak of the Russian revolution. The long years of exile which thousands of Russians spent in China following the great political upheaval in their country have not diminished their bitterness, it was pointed out, but to hail an aggressor as a liberator of their country has been too far fetched a theory for even an emigrant to accept without question.



Admiral Muselier, the French Admiral, recently paid a visit to a Naval establishment, "somewhere in Britain" where he inspected French contingents. Photo shows Admiral Muselier (centre) taking the salute.

DRAMATIC SOVIET ACCOUNT OF GERMAN DEBACLE

THE FOLLOWING DETAILS are given in a Soviet communique issued in Moscow last night of the annihilation by the Red Army of a German infantry division.

"One of the Fascist divisions newly arrived on the front launched an offensive against our troops. The commander of our formation decided to hold this division and to encircle it in order to wipe it out completely.

"At the end of the first day the Germans no longer offered resistance to the energetic attack of our troops, they were compelled to adopt defensive tactics and dig themselves in.

"At that moment tanks and mechanised infantry completed the encirclement of the enemy.

"Early in the morning squadrons of Soviet bombers flew over the German divisions. Hundreds of bombs were dropped on the Fascists.

Inevitable Fate

"The enemy brought their artillery into action, employing anti-tank and other guns, and made a desperate attempt to break through the encirclement,

but everywhere they encountered artillery and machine-gun fire.

"Our anti-tank guns destroyed 20 German tanks and light armoured cars.

"Several frontal attacks were launched by the Germans, in an attempt to save the division from its inevitable fate, but all were repulsed with enormous losses to the enemy and the fire and resistance of the encircled division weakened every hour.

"At the end of the second day's fighting our troops assumed the offensive. Our tanks units annihilated remnants of enemy batteries and machine-guns, and our tanks and brave infantrymen hurled themselves against units of the German infantry division.

Crushed Under Tanks

"Tanks, going at full speed, crushed and machine-gunned at point-blank range the Fascist soldiers.

"According to preliminary reports 4,000 German officers and soldiers found their graves on the field of battle. Our stretcher-bearers picked up about 3,000 and some hundreds wounded.

"A large number of prisoners was taken, and several dozen tanks, a large number of lorries and motor cycles, 40 anti-tank guns, 12 heavy guns and eight light guns, and 20 mine-throwers were destroyed.

"The rest of the annihilated division fled in panic." — Reuter.

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The second of the two comrades meanwhile carried on; his "bag" for the night was three Nazi bombers.

On a Sunday he came to view the tragic end of his friend's last battle. In a voice charged with grief and hardly-suppressed anger, he said: "Three is not enough to pay for my friend. I will have more of them!"

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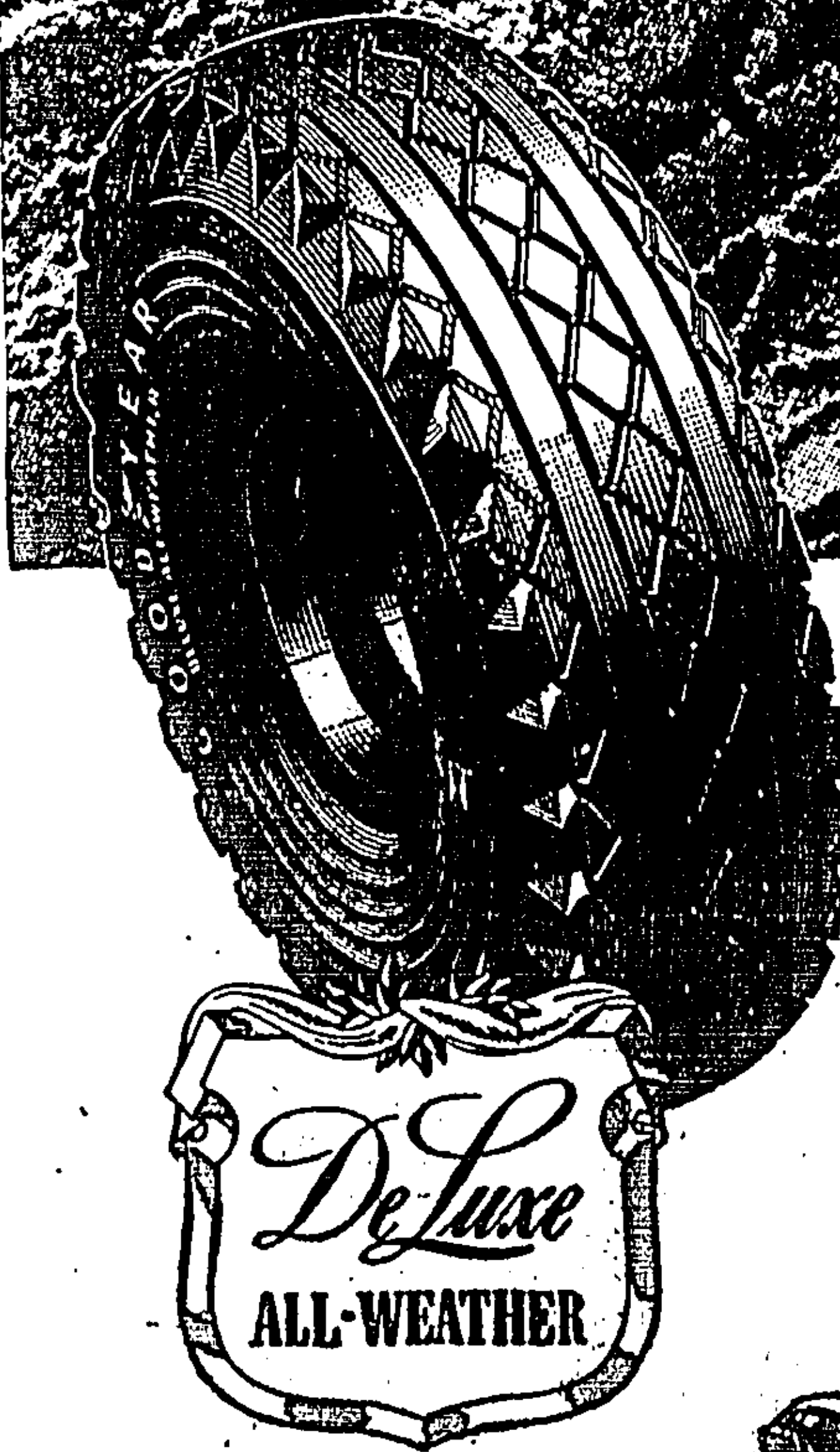
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BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES —NO. 49

By The Four Aces

"Here's one for your swindle column," contributes a Chicago reader. "The hand was played in the World Bridge Olympic:

West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ J 9 6
♥ Q J 4
♦ K Q J 10 6 3
♣ 2

WEST

♠ 7 4
♥ K 9 7 6
♦ 2
♣ J 9 6 5 4 3

EAST

♠ A 5 2
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A 9 8
♣ Q 10 8 7

SOUTH

♠ K Q 10 8 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A K

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

"The plan was for South to play the hand at four spades, which only very good defence could beat. The actual contract of three no-trump should have been beaten rather badly, but a swindle brought it home."

WEST OPENED THE FIVE OF CLUBS, EAST'S QUEEN FORCING OUT SOUTH'S KING. SOUTH THEN LED A DIAMOND TO DUMMY'S KING, AND EAST DECIDED NOT TO WIN THE TRICK. DUMMY CONTINUED WITH THE QUEEN OF DIAMONDS AND EAST PLAYED LOW ONCE MORE.

"But now nine tricks were in sight. Declarer abandoned the diamonds, much to East's chagrin. Spades were attacked. East taking the Ace and returning a club. South took the club Ace and ran four spades and a heart in addition to the two clubs and two diamonds already won. Was East's face red?"

A rather neat swindle, but East really should have seen it coming. East should have won the first diamond trick and returned a club. He could tell that South could win only five diamonds, probably two clubs, and about one heart before surrendering the lead again. If South had three club stoppers or both the Ace and King of hearts, there was probably no way of defeating the contract.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable you held:

♠ K 4
♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ K 8 3
♣ Q 7 6 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Malor
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Pass. You have told your story and your partner has refused to take encouragement.

WIND, SAND---AND WAR

(Continued from Page 7)

dust-covered face with his perspiring hand. And water too precious to be wasted washing.

Despite the primitive conditions the atmosphere of that mess was much what you find in a club in Pall Mall. It reminded one of the polished courtesy of the officers in that dugout in "Journey's End."

Somehow every correspondent who has been among front-line troops, whether in frozen Finland or burning Egypt, has had the feeling that it was a scene from a play rather than reality. So it seemed at this desert meal in the lull of the fighting.

Dinner was brief and immediately afterward we motored with the column leaders to H.Q.—simply a radio truck in which the officer commanding the forces on the escarpment lived, worked and travelled. His home was a bunk alongside the radio.

We sat in the sand beside the radio truck while the commanding officer marked a map and outlined for each commander his mission. He asked each how he intended to carry it out and sometimes suggested modifications. Again it all seemed unreal. This

If he were interested in a game, he could bid three no-trump or four diamonds. Failure to make either of these strong bids indicates that he has a minimum hand which is ill-suited to no-trump play.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for four diamonds, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 779

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable you hold:

♠ A Q 10 3 2
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 7
♣ A 10 6

The bidding:

You	Schenker	Burnstone	Malor
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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was a battle being planned, yet with absolutely no fuss.

He returned to the main camp, which meanwhile was packing up. After dark we marched—long lines of armoured cars, radio cars, Bren gun carriers, trucks and motorised artillery.

Again it was a stage show and unreality. In the dim moonlight our unlighted vehicles, rocking over the hummocks, seemed more like a fleet at sea than British soldiers going out to meet the Germans. Still it seemed like a play when a radio car swerved toward the command car with a pink field message giving the news that seven German tanks which had come through the barrier were now in the area we must cross.

We did not see those tanks, but they saw us, for at midnight when we paused for a rest before a dawn attack the tanks came up, took a few ineffective pot shots at us, then raced away when the British guns replied.

But the mission of this British desert force was to fail that day, for morning brought a raging sandstorm which reduced visibility to a few yards. The desert becomes an eerie place in such a storm, for the goggled men you dimly see walking about through the swirling sand look like shapes seen by a diver at the bottom of the sea.

The British force had split up into three columns for the dawn attack, but the Germans eluded them in the storm. One artillery unit which had taken up a position a few hundred yards ahead to guard the trail had the worst fortune. German armoured cars—fast, powerful, hard-hitting affairs came upon this unit and, before the British could see whether they were friendly or hostile, poured in a volley which destroyed one gun and set the truck afire, mortally burning two men. Then it disappeared unharmed.

The lieutenant who brought back the remaining vehicles and the dying men was grief-stricken. There was a simple burial in the sand.

That is what "our patrols were again active" means. It is mechanised guerilla warfare. When on the offensive the tactics are practically identical but on a far larger scale, and a column which meets an enemy does not hit and run away but tries to annihilate him.



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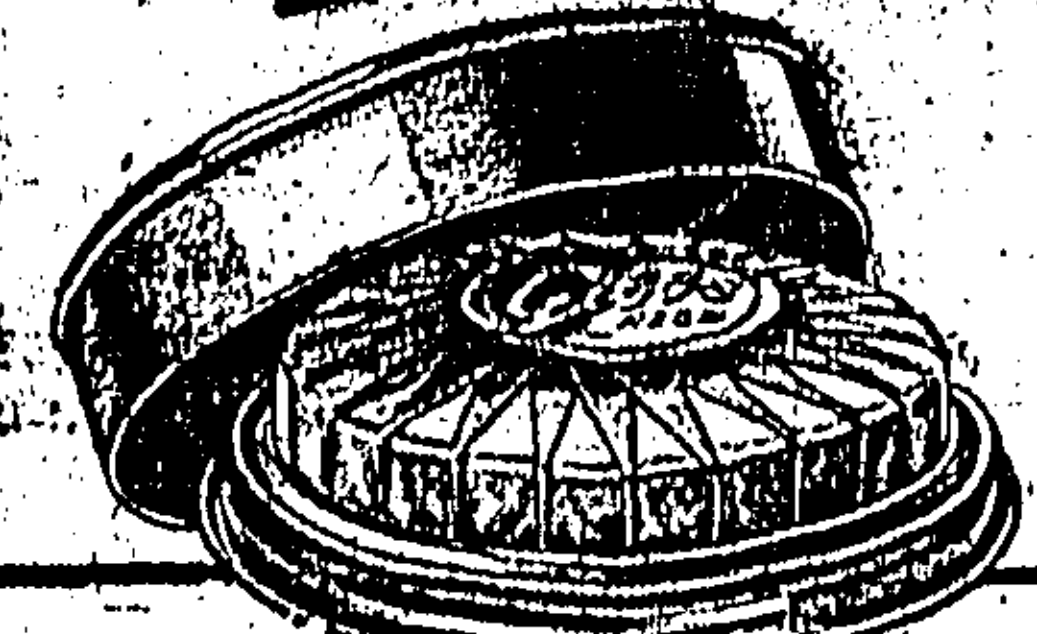
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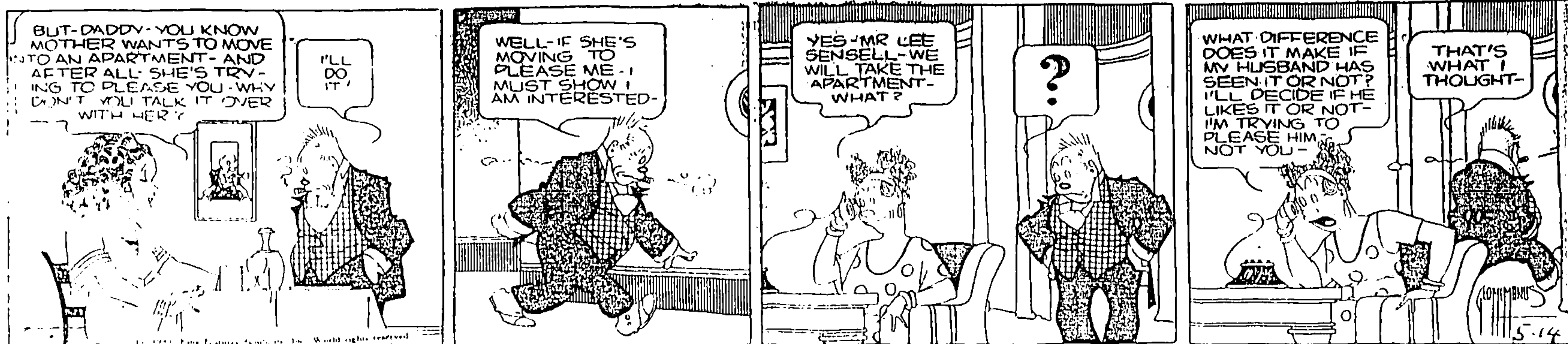
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Youthful Skin: Frequent Soapings

The young lady who ducks under a quick shower without a bar of soap, after exercising, is flirting with a blemished skin.

During summer, when the pores are open and discharging wastes from the body more freely, good skin soaping and thorough clear water rinsing are essential to keep body and face skin soft and lovely.

Young girls are inclined to be a bit casual, let us say in preference to neglectful, about the care of their skins when the weather is hot. It is so easy to take a cat wash and put on fresh lipstick and call the chore finished. But how wretched they feel when a big party comes along and their skins are blemished and unattractive. Life has a way of playing such tricks on us, if we are not diligent, and many a summer romance has been nipped in the bud because a young girl was indifferent too long about her beauty.

A Good Routine

Youthful skins can stand a thorough shampoo with bland soap suds and a clean face cloth, or face mitt, twice a day. Once upon arising and again late in the afternoon or before going to bed. Between times a cream cleansing and mild tonic are in order to remove grime and tired make-up — but at night and morning let a good bar of soap bring beauty and freshness to your face.

I want to stress too, the importance of keeping your beauty aids immaculate. Every single day you should use a fresh face cloth, fresh absorbent cotton with which to powder, fresh cotton for using a liquid skin freshener, clean towels and brushes and combs. Be certain that you change your vanity puff, and rouge puff every day too. You can buy enough to last a month or two in a package for a few pennies and indeed they are a grand investment in a clear skin.

Keep your cosmetics in a drawer or cabinet — out of the way of summer dust. Get into the habit of swishing your brush



Fresh herbal cleansing cream, mild skin freshener and a lettuce-bland soap, are an intelligent selection for summer skin care.

and comb through sudsy water after you have finished with them. They collect a lot of grime from your hair you know, and it doesn't make sense to brush and comb it back on your hair the next day, does it?

Hair needs more frequent washings during summer too

especially if you swim often. But try to use only one good soaping and rinse very well. Let it dry out in the air and sun and brush it every day to keep it as clean as possible between shampoos.

These little grooming details will quickly become unconscious habits after the first week or two.

Cookery Corner

CREAM OF POTATO.—Take four or five potatoes. Peel and wash in cold water. Cut into thick slices. Cover with cold water. Add salt and pepper.

Allow to come to the boil then let it simmer, adding a little cold water from time to time, just enough to keep the potatoes from burning.

The soup will be cooked when the potatoes have fallen to bits and become quite soft. Length of time depends on the potatoes used.

Potatoes that have pinkish skins and very white insides are the nicest flavoured ones for this soup.

When cooked mash through sieve with a wooden spoon. Make sure that no hard lump of potato remains. Return to saucepan.

Add a pint of cold milk, stirring until it comes to the boil. Serve immediately.

Beat the yoke of one egg well and stir into your soup just before serving.

Do not let the egg cook in the soup. It is best to remove the soup from fire just as you stir it in.

This quantity is sufficient for two persons.

CREAM OF TURNIP.—Take four or five turnips and one potato, and make exactly as for above cream of potato.

If the vegetables are properly cooked and mashed through the sieve and stirred into cold milk as it comes to the boil there is no need to use flour for thickening.

The addition of cold water and cold milk in the process of cooking brings out the flavour of the vegetable.

If you were to add warm milk or hot water the soup would cook too quickly and you would not have drawn all the strength and taste from your vegetables.

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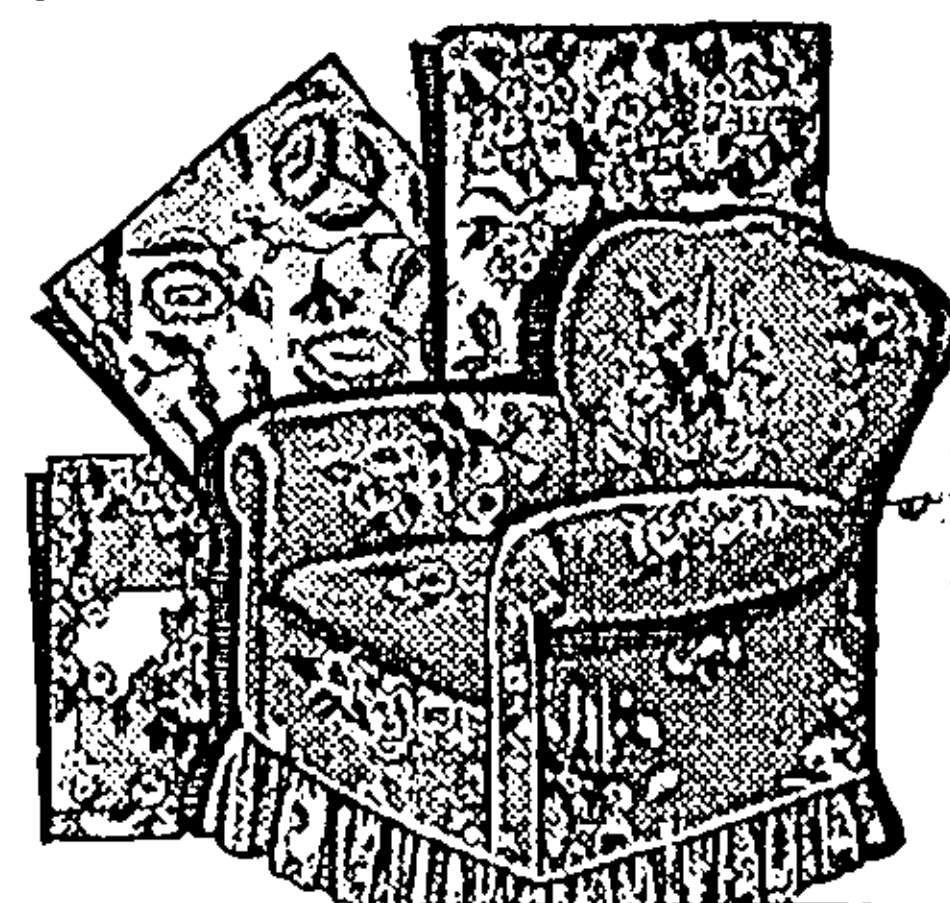
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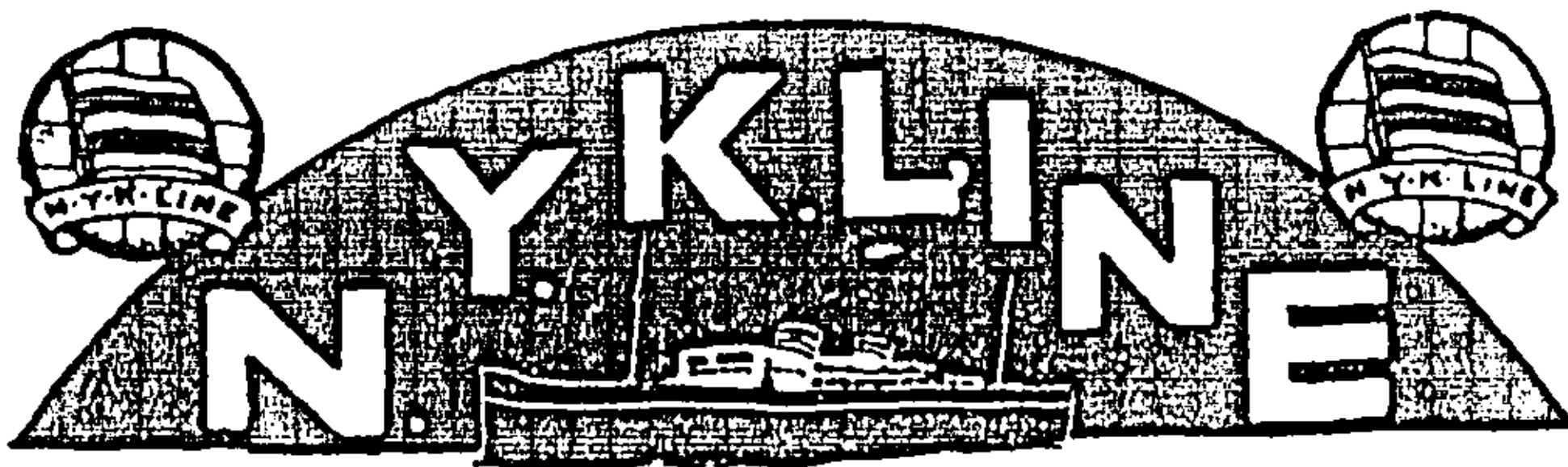
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SATURDAY SPORTS RESULTS

A full programme of matches in all three Divisions of the Lawn Bowls League, a baseball encounter between Chung Hwa and South China, which the former won 6-3, and a charity swimming gala at Chung Shing Benevolent Society's pavilion at West Point, provided local followers of sport with a fair variety to choose from on Saturday, while advantage was also taken of the fine, albeit humid weather conditions, by Post Office Recreation Club (2) and Filipino Club to play off their postponed Fourth Division League Tennis fixture, which the latter won by 9 sets to nil.

The Indian Recreation Club bowls rink skipped by A. R. Dallah (J. Hoosen, A. K. Ismail and U. A. Ramjahn) scored a "possible" at the third end of their game against W. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, L. Sykes and P. Peckham (Kowloon B.G.C. "B").

Results of the matches, at a glance, were as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION			
Rec. 'A'	77	Rec. 'B'	43
C.C.C.	85	P.R.C.	37
K.D.R.C.	71	K.C.C.	60
C.S.C.C.	49	K.B.G.C. 'A'	65
I.R.C.	69	K.B.G.C. 'B'	40
SECOND DIVISION			
Rec.	69	H.K.F.C.	73
H.K.C.C.	63	P.O.C.	47
K.C.C.	46	Talkoo	76
K.F.C.	78	C.C.C.	46
THIRD DIVISION			
C.C.C.	70	Rec.	67
K.B.G.C.	58	I.R.C.	58
H.K.F.C.	75	Elec.	29
P.R.C.	81	H.K.C.C.	42

K.D.R.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT DRAWS

Following are the draws for the tennis tournaments at Kowloon Dock Recreation Club:—

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
First Round:—A. S. Bliss v R. H. A. Lapsley; J. P. White v T. Coleman; B. Maher v G. Newhouse and M. Ozorio v J. B. Sturgeon.

HANDICAP SINGLES
First Round:—R. H. A. Lapsley (—40) v C. S. M. Thom (—30); V. Ramsay (scr.) v J. Kempton (—30); A. Lapsley (—30 2/8) v J. Sturgeon (—30); W. Tillery (—30) v B. Maher (—15) and W. Forsyth (scr.) v J. P. White (—30).
Byes into Second Round:—G. Newhouse (—15) v A. S. Bliss (—30 3/8) and M. Ozorio (—15 3/8) v R. H. A. Lapsley (—40) or C. S. M. Thom (—30).

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to a school for poor children. On Saturday, they went to the home of Mrs. Wong Chang-ying, 34 Hwackee Avenue, and robbed her and another occupant of nearly \$20,000 in cash and personal belongings. There was a pass book belonging to Mrs. Wong showing that she had deposited more than \$9,000 with the Ning-po Commercial and Savings Bank. It was alleged that after committing the crimes in which they bound the victims they sat in the victimised house drinking wine (which they previously bought themselves) and listened to radio music.

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"Yes, Sir. Essentially nocturnal, Sir."

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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Joe Loss and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—A Small Cafe by Notre Dame (Mills).

A Little Rain Must Fall (Green, Raye and Little).
Tango Fox-Trot—The Memory Of A Rose (Kennedy—Young).
Waltz—Memories Live Longer Than Dreams (Parker and Charles).
Fox-Trot—When You Wear Your Sunday Blue (Parker and Charles).

Quick-Step—Put That Down (Writing (Dublin, Warren)).

12.50 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.

Deep In A Dream (de Lange and van Heussen).
Honey Chile (Strauss and Dale).
Trade Winds (Friend and Tobias).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Scriabin—Prometheus (The Poem of Fire)—Op. 60.

Leopold Stokowski, Philadelphia Orchestra and Chorus from Curtis Institute of Music.

1.20 p.m.—Songs by Ivor Anderson (Bass).
"The Magic Flute"—O Isis And Osiris.
Within These Sacred Walls (Mozart).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Wilfred Thomas, Gracie Fields and Others.

Vocal—Giddy Up
Swing Your Way To Happiness (Both from film "Keep Smiling"—Parr-Davies).
Gracie Fields with Orchestra
Organ Solo—Magic Chimes Intermezzo (F. W. Rust).
Whispering Of The Flowers (Franz v. Blon).
Mareel Palotti w. Hawaiian Guitar.
Humorous—A Tea-Time Concert Party (C Harrington).
Wilfrid Thomas, Noreena Feist, Emmie Joyce and Cecil Harrington w. Orch.
Septet—Maria Mori (di Capua).
Serge Krish Septet.
Vocal—Down At Our Charity Bazaar (Aza).
Gracie Fields with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Compositions of Maurice Ravel.

Trialogue—Rhapsodie De Concert, M. Z. Francescatti (Violin) with M. Faure (Piano).
"Miroirs No. 5"—La Valse De Cloches.
"Gaspard de la Nuit No. 2"—Le Gibet.
Walter Gieseking (Piano).
Ravel—Three Songs.
Trois Beaux Ciseaux de Paradis.
Nicolette, Ronde.
The Lyons Mixed Chorus cond. by Leon Vietty.

Bolero
The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris cond. by Maurice Ravel.

7.30 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.

"The Miracle"—Selection (Humperdinck).
London Symphony Orchestra.
The Chocolate Soldier—Vocal Gems (Stange and Oscar Straus).
Intro: The Chocolate Soldier; The Bulgarians; Tantalus; Thank The Lord The War Is Over; Falling In Love; Forgive (Ensemble); That Would Be Lovely; The Letter Song; My Hero.
The Columbia Light Opera Company w. Orchestra.
The Beggar's Opera—Selection (Gay—Austin).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. G. Miller.
"Tales of Hoffmann"—The Legend of Klingsack (Offenbach).
Tudor Davies (Tenor) w. Orch.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post." Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra with Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano).

Polka Medley.
Intro: See Me Dance The Polka—Polka Valeta; Blaze Away—Two-step; You're Not The Kind—Fox-Trot; I Want The Whole World To Love You—Waltz; Take My Heart—Slow Fox-Trot; Sing, Baby, Sing—Quick-Step.
The New Mayfair Orchestra.

Gertrude Lawrence Medley.
Intro: Limehouse Blues; You Were Meant For Me; Do, Do, Do; Someone To Watch Over Me; Cup Of Coffee; Wild Thyme; Experiment.

G. Lawrence w. Orchestra.
Ragging The Rags—A Selection of Early Ragtime Favourites.

Intro: Grizzly Bear Rag; Hunt-Ing Rag; Mysterious Rag; Temptation Rag; Red Pepper Rag.
The New Mayfair Orchestra.
Experiment (from "Nymph Er-rant") (Cule, Porter).

Gertrude—Lawrence with Orch.
"Love, Life and Laughter"—Selection.

Intro: How Happy the Lover: Riding on the Clouds; Cherie: Love, Life and Laughter.

The New Mayfair Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.05 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Medley—Finch Favourites, No. 12.
Intro: The memory of a Rose; Ferryboat Serenade; Blue-berry Hill; Maybe; Lovely Old Lady; Good-night Again; Horace Finch (Organist).

Vocal—Birds Of A Feather
You're Dangerous (Both from film "Road to Zanzibar")
Bing Crosby with Orchestra.

Organ and Piano—Old Favourites Medley.

Intro: These Foolish Things; Japanese Sandman; Sweet Sue; Smoke Gets In Your Eyes; Louise; Somebody Stole My Gal.
Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano).

Entertainer—Dear Old Fashioned Thing.

Norman Long with Piano.
Vocal—The Beautiful Bearded Lady.
Don't Go In The Lion's Cage Tonight.

Zora Layman with The Home-towners and Orch.

Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. D. 42.

Intro: I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again; Lovely Old Lady; Sierra Sue; All The Things You Are; Until You Fall In Love; I'm Nobody's Baby.

Charlie Kunz w. Rhythm Accomp.

Vocal—Cheerio! (From "Apple Sauce"—Carr, Kitchen).

Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon with Orchestra.

Vocal—Ho! Sa Bonnie (Froeba, Alexander).

The Merry Macs with Orch.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 p.m.—Piano Duets by Young and Forsythe.

Dance "Hits".

Intro: I Double Dare You, Sweet As A Song; Mama, I Wanna Make Rhythm; Thanks For The Memory; Two Dreams Got Together; Don't Ever Change.

Rumbas on Toast.

Intro: La Cucaracha; Mama, Inez, The Carioca; Siboney.

Tony's Wife; Side Walks Of Cuba; Green Eyes; When Yuba Plays The Rumba on The Tuba.

10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

Fox-Trots—Alouette.

School Days.

Horace Heidt and His Orch.

Swing Fox-Trots—Midnight in Harlem.

Night Time in Cairo.

Eddie Carroll and His Swing-phone Orch.

Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Will Be Heavenly (From "Band Wagon").

Quick-Step—Roadhouse Revels.

Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Tangos—Quiero Verte Una Vez Mas, Mass Alla.

Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—They Can't Black-out The Moon.

Good-bye Sally.

Jav Wilbur and His Band.

Rumbas—Jungle Drums.

The Peanut Vendor.

Henry Kine and His Orch.

Waltz—All Through A Glass of Champagne (From the C.B. Cochran Show "Fights").

Quick-Step—The Organ Grinder Grinds All Day.

Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"News from Home"—H. Marshall.

11.15 p.m.—Close Down.

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FOLLOWING IS THE RECORD OF THE SKIPS
IN THE THREE DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE:—

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	10	10	0	0	256	145	111	0	20
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	10	9	0	1	271	153	118	0	18
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	12	8	0	4	276	214	62	0	16
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	10	7	1	2	226	193	33	0	15
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	11	7	1	3	238	172	66	0	15
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	9	7	0	2	233	127	106	0	14
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	10	7	0	3	217	185	32	0	14
A. P. Gutierrez (Rec. "B")	10	7	0	3	200	182	18	0	14
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	11	7	0	4	221	175	46	0	14
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	11	6	2	3	224	202	22	0	14
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	10	6	0	4	226	197	29	0	12
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	10	6	0	4	193	198	0	5	12
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	8	5	1	2	182	161	21	0	11
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	9	5	0	4	169	177	0	8	10
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	4	0	5	161	157	4	0	8
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	186	187	0	1	8
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	184	198	0	14	8
J. A. Basto (Rec. "B")	10	4	0	6	186	202	0	16	8
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	12	4	0	8	225	268	0	43	8
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	6	3	0	3	110	104	6	0	6
H. A. Alves (Recrelo "A")	3	3	0	0	82	43	39	0	6
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	12	3	0	9	196	288	0	96	6
N. J. Bebbington (K.C.C.)	5	2	1	2	102	92	10	0	5
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	10	2	1	7	171	220	0	49	5
A. M. Calman (K.D.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	71	56	15	0	4
P. A. Peckham (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	2	0	1	53	48	5	0	4
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	79	73	6	0	4
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	4	1	2	1	80	83	0	3	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	7	1	2	4	109	140	0	31	4
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	2	0	7	145	209	0	64	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
J. S. Landolt (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	33	9	24	0	2
C. A. Lopes (Recrelo)	1	1	0	0	32	9	23	0	2
J. F. V. Ribeiro (Recrelo "A")	1	1	0	0	28	12	16	0	2
L. J. Silva (Recrelo "B")	2	1	0	1	21	40	0	19	2
J. W. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	25	47	0	22	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2
M. Ferguson (K.D.R.C.)	5	1	0	4	82	111	0	29	2
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	107	130	0	23	2
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	73	180	0	107	2
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	7	1	0	6	109	170	0	61	2
J. E. Noronha (Recrelo "B")	1	0	0	1	13	19	0	6	0
C. C. Pereira (Recrelo)	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	7	0
W. McNeill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	11	29	0	18	0
M. M. Silva (Recrelo "B")	2	0	0	2	35	47	0	12	0
E. Souza (Recrelo)	2	0	0	2	25	48	0	23	0
C. Greig (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	23	60	0	37	0
E. W. Simmons (C.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	41	84	0	43	0
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	4	0	0	4	64	95	0	31	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K. Tong)	8	7	0	1	203	135	68	0	14
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	8	7	0	1	175	117	58	0	14
J. L. Stephens (K. Tong)	8	6	1	1	190	136	54	0	13
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	9	6	0	3	219	184	35	0	12
W. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	11	5	1	5	221	201	20	0	11
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	5	5	0	0	139	82	57	0	10
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	8	5	0	3	168	141	27	0	10
G. E. Costello (H.K.C.C.)	8	5	0	3	175	150	25	0	10
W. Melrose (T.C.)	7	5	0	2	146	129	17	0	10
C. Gowland (P.O.C.)	9	5	0	4	205	153	52	0	10
O. P. Remedios (Recrelo)	8	4	1	3	138	157	0	19	9
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	6	4	0	2	125	98	27	0	8
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	9	4	0	5	161	174	0	13	8
E. Kern (K.F.C.)	4	3	0	1	84	78	6	0	6
C. C. Pereira (Recrelo)	5	3	0	2	112	84	28	0	6
K. S. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	115	88	27	0	6
J. C. Chalmers (T.C.)	6	3	0	3	120	109	11	0	6
F. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)	7	3	0	4	135	139	0	4	6
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	7	3	0	4	124	140	0	16	6
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	8	3	0	5	157	186	0	29	6
W. J. Howard (K. Tong)	5	2	1	2	116	87	29	0	5
A. Steven (K.C.C.)	8	2	1	5	134	191	0	57	5
A. Spary (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2	0	1	60	55	5	0	4
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	85	69	16	0	4
A. J. Jillett (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	69	94	0	25	4
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	95	99	0	4	4
J. McCutcheon (P.O.C.)	5	2	0	3	82	106	0	24	4
J. A. Remedios (Recrelo)	6	2	0	4	108	117	0	9	4
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	69	42	27	0	4
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	10	2	0	8	153	238	0	85	4
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	4	1	1	2	73	87	0	14	3
L. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	19	2	0	2
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	41	33	8	0	2
M. A. Carvalho (Recrelo)	3	1	0	2	58	69	0	11	2
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	70	98	0	28	2
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	5	1	0	4	78	118	0	40	2
J. A. Watson (T.C.)	7	1	0	6	91	178	0	87	2
J. R. Soares (Recrelo)	8	1	0	7	137	221	0	84	2
T. F. Stalton (T.C.)	1	0	0	1	21	25	0	4	0
R. R. Davies (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	24	0	9	0
L. Jack (K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	25	0	9	0
J. A. R. Selby (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	10	23	0	13	0
H. V. Pearse (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	8	7	0	1	186	134	52	0	14
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	11	7	0	4	229	199	30	0	14
J. C. Atkin (P.R.C.)	8	6	1	1	208	119	89	0	13
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	10	6	1	3	224	173	51	0	13
S. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	11	6	1	4	228	202	26	0	13
C. Wallis (K.B.G.C.)	7	6	0	1	170	97	73	0	12
A. J. Coshio (C.C.C.)	11	6	0	5	208	199	9	0	12
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	8	5	1	2	179	113	66	0	11
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	0	3	169	149	20	0	10
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	9	4	1	4	174	156	18	0	9
G. S. Graver (H.K.F.C.)	9	4	1	4	190	192	0	2	9
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	8	4	0	4	134	118	16	0	8
L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	8	4	0	4	167	160	0	3	8
B. A. Mahesh (H.K.F.C.)	9	4	0	5	175	170	5	0	8
P. A. Yvanovich (Recrelo)	11	4	0	7	202	247	0	45	8
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	84	73	11	0	8
J. Reisto (H.K.F.C.)	4	3	0	1	84	75	9	0	8
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	5	3	0	2	141	83	58	0	6
J. F. Lunhy (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	3	0	2	97	102	0	5	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	80	99	0	13	6

Collings And Low Win

In the Final of the First Summer Foursomes at the Happy Valley golf course yesterday, T. B. Low and R. K. Collings beat W. J. Butler and A. L. Powell 3 and 2 over 18 holes.

Golfers will be interested to learn that the Course was flooded and a new hole had to be "sunk" in the first green as the old one was under water.

Collings and Low, conceding 5 to their opponents, lost the first two holes but they steadied down after that and at the turn were 1 up, winning finally by 3 and 2. Collings was the best player on view and played excellent golf. His partner was steady, while Butler and Powell, after a good start, fell off considerably.

K.D.R.C. BOWLS TOURNEY DRAWS

Following are the draws for the lawn bowls tournaments at Kowloon Docks Recreation Club.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
First Round:—W. C. K. Mackie v W. Houston, R. H. Lapsley v T. Coleman, W. Greig v R. Morrison, J. McKelvie v A. Pearson, H. H. Williams v I. Revie, J. McPherson v W. Forsyth.
Byes into Second Round:—W. D. McMaster, F. Cullen, J. V. Ramsay, T. Mason, G. Henderson, A. Calman, R. Lapsley, M. Ferguson, W. Williamson, C. S. M. Thom.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
First Round:—J. McKelvie and W. D. McMaster (2) v F. Cullen and C. S. M. Thom (3), R. Morrison and C. R. Logan (1) v W. Greig and W. C. K. Mackie (2), A. Lapsley and H. H. Williams (1) v A. Calman and G. Henderson (1), V. Ramsay and T. Mason (1) v R. Lapsley and A. Pearson (2).

Byes into Second Round:—T. Coleman and W. Williamson (set) v M. Ferguson and J. McKelvie (1-1), W. Houston and J. Revie (set) v R. H. Lapsley and J. Kempton (set).

BAPCO SHIELD
First Round:—W. Williamson v W. D. McMaster, W. C. K. Mackie v R. Lapsley, M. Ferguson v A. W. Lapsley, J. McKelvie v T. Coleman, A. Calman v R. H. Lapsley, A. Pearson v J. V. Ramsay, C. S. M. Thom v C. R. Logan, W. Greig v W. Houston.
Byes into Second Round:—G. Henderson v J. McPherson, J. Kempton v T. Mason, R. Morrison v W. Forsyth, J. Revie v F. Cullen.

FOOTBALL IN INDIA

The Indian Football Association team of Bengal annexed the "San Toshi" Memorial trophy in the Inter-Provincial Football Tournament at Calcutta yesterday, defeating Delhi in the final by 5 goals to 1. Reuter.

Prizes won in the 2-Mile Bicycle time trial held at Tsim Sha Tsui, will be distributed this evening at Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Attention, owned by Mrs. Parker Goring, won the £15,000 Arlington Classic yesterday at Chicago by securing a win by one length over the favorite, Whirlaway, the champion of the American turf for 1941. Buschbacher was third. There were five starters. Reuter.

J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	130	123	7	0	6
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	7	3	0	4	128	134	0	6	6
M. A. Carvalho (Recrelo)	8	3	0	5	136	143	0	7	6
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
A. A. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	47	34	13	0	4
A. Nissim (H.K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	61	61	0	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
M. F. Pinna (Recrelo)	5	2	0	3	93	117	0	24	4
M. F. Alarcon (Recrelo)	5	2	0	3	89	102	0	13	4
A. P. Perelra (Recrelo)	1	1	0	0	29	18	11	0	2
A. G. Sufflad (I.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	18	5	0	2
W. A. Cornell (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
B. J. Lacon (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	0	2
C. C. Perelra (Recrelo)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	36	0	1	2
M. R. Pinna (Recrelo)	2	1	0	1	36	42	0	6	2
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	42	52	0	10	
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	54	64	0	10	
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.C.C.)	4	1	0	3	67	87	0	20	
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	5	1	0	4	79	109	0	30	
T. Fergusson (K.F.C.)	6	1	0	5	91	121	0	30	
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	7	1	0	6	103	133	0	30	
S. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	8	1	0	7	115	145	0	30	
J. K. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	9	1	0	8	127	157	0	30	
L. E. Lammert (C.C.C.)	10	1	0	9	139	169	0	30	
Y. Abbas (K.F.C.)	11	1	0	10	151	181	0	30	
E. A. Atkin (K.B.G.C.)	12	1	0	11	163	193	0	30	
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	13	1	0	12	175	205	0	30	
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	14	1	0	13	187	217	0	30	
M. E. Mendonca (Recrelo)	15	1	0	14	199	229	0	30	
C. Dowman (K.F.C.)	16	1	0	15	211	241	0	30	
F. K. Modf (C.C.C.)	17	1	0	16	223	253	0	30	
M. Guterres (Recrelo)	18	1	0	17	235	265	0	30	
R. A. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	19	1	0	18	247	277	0	30	
A. G. Gardner (H.K.E.R.C.)	20	1	0	19	259	289	0	30	
A. F. Noronha (Recrelo)	21	1	0	20	271	301	0	30	
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	22	1	0	21	283	313	0	30	
P. B. Cassidy (H.K.C.C.)	23	1	0	22	295	325	0	30	
A. S. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.)	24	1	0	23	307	337	0	30	
I. Pau (C.C.C.)	25	1	0	24	319	349	0	30	
R. C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	26	1	0	25	331	361	0	30	
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	27	1	0	26	343	373	0	30	
A. F. Paul (H.K.E.R.C.)	28	1	0	27	355	385	0	30	
A. McKellar (H.K.C.C.)	29	1	0	28	367	397	0	30	

H.K.R.A. SUMMER POSTAL LEAGUE RESULTS TITLE FOR RIGGS

Results returned for the second period of the Summer Postal League show a definite improvement in the standard of marksmanship, the number of teams in the First Division which returned scores under 300 being eleven, as against 21 in the first period.

The Police "A" team again produced the highest score with 360 against the 2nd/14th Punjab Regiment "A". The 5th/7th Rajput Regiment "E" and "A" teams are improving rapidly, however, and returned 351 and 349 respectively. The highest individual Open Sight scores of the period were Sgt. Langford (Middlesex "C") 97, Cpl. Narayan Singh (Police "B") 93, Sgt. Puran Singh (Police "A") 93, ASI P. H. Thong (H.K.P. Res.) 93, (twice), Sgt. Wall (Police "A") 92, CSM. Mibor (Royal Scots "D") Coy "A" 92, L/Nk. Abdul Rahman (Rajput "E") 92. Scores in the Aperture Sight Leagues have not improved, the highest score for the period ended July 20 being made by Police "B" with 395 against Police "A". Sgt. Gowans (Police "B") returned the highest individual score of 99.

Complete results for the period of July 6 to July 20 were:

OPEN SIGHT LEAGUE

First Division	
Royal Scots "B" Coy v. Middlesex Regt "H" 297	
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "D" 300 v. 5th/7th Rajput Regt "D" 311	
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5th/7th Rajput Regt "E" 351 v. Royal Scots "D" Coy "A" 294	
Middlesex Regt "D" 274 v. 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "E" 301	
Police "A" (20 yds.) 360 v. 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "A" 317	
R.A.F. "A" 332 v. H.K.V.D.C. "A" 318	
Police Reserves (20 yds.) 343 v. 22nd (F) Coy R.E. 323	
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2nd/14th Punjab Regt "D" 301 v. Royal Scots "C" Coy 325	
Middlesex Regt "C" 298 v. Royal Scots "D" Coy "A" 282	
5th/7th Rajput Regt "E" 343 v. Middlesex Regt "D" 258	
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WEEK-END CRICKET IN ENGLAND

Bowlers had the advantage in the main Cricket games on Saturday.

Army and Air Force met at Southend, where Army were dismissed for 127. Army lost half their wickets for only 40 runs and then seven wickets for 97, but bright batting by Major S. C. Griffith (59) retrieved the situation slightly. The Airmen had scored 53 for two when stumps were drawn.

London Counties sent a side to Tonbridge to meet the Old Tonbridgeians who, however, did not get a chance to bat after their opponents had declared with 200 for eight wickets. Leslie Compton hit a grand 61 for the Counties, who promised a bigger score until R. Bousfield, a leg-break bowler, dismissed five men in ten overs for 46 runs.

On the first day of a two-day game at Aldershot, an Air Force team, led by Arthur Gilligan, former England captain, dismissed an Aldershot side for 71. D. J. Judge, Glamorgan fast bowler, claimed seven victims for 37 runs, Denis Compton being among them when he was caught before scoring. —Reuter.

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First Division	
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	S. W. L. App. Pts.
2/R. Scots "C" Coy	5 4 1 1072 8
Police "A"	4 4 0 1410 3
Police Reserve	4 4 0 1361 0
5th/7th Rajput Regt	4 4 0 1337 8
R.A.F. "A"	4 3 1 1326 6
5th/7th Rajput Regt "A"	4 3 1 1292 6
2/R. Scots H.Q. Coy	4 3 1 1289 6
5th/7th Rajput Regt	

5th/7th Rajput Regt.	4 3 1 1273 6
"C"	4 3 1 1215 6
1/Middlesex Regt. "B"	4 3 1 1195 0
5th/7th Rajput Regt.	
"B"	3 3 0 947 6
Dockyard Rifle Club	4 2 2 1258 4
2nd/14th Punjab Regt.	
"B"	4 2 2 1222 4
Collinson R.C. "A"	4 2 2 1038 4
2/R. Scots "A" Coy	3 2 1 921 4
2nd/14th Punjab Regt.	
"C"	4 1 3 1260 2
R.E. 22nd (F) Coy	4 1 3 1227 2
2nd/14th Punjab Regt.	
"A"	4 1 3 1221 2
1/Middlesex Regt. "D"	4 1 3 1100 2
1/Middlesex Regt. "E"	3 1 2 1006 2
R.E. 40th (F) Coy	4 1 3 967 2
2nd/14th Punjab Regt.	
"E"	3 1 2 929 2
1/Middlesex Regt. "C"	3 1 2 908 2
H.K.R.N.V.R. "A"	4 1 3 884 2
2/R. Scots "D" Coy	
"A"	3 1 2 848 2
H.K.V.D.C. "A"	4 0 4 1185 0
2nd/14th Punjab Regt.	
"D"	4 0 4 1141 0
1/Middlesex Regt. "A"	3 0 3 899 0
2/R. Scots "B" Coy	4 0 4 777 0
Second Division	
Police "B"	2 2 0 695 4
R.E. (Stonecutters)	2 2 0 660 4
2/R. Scots "C" Coy	

"B"	2 2 0 644 4
R.E. (Shamshulpo)	2 2 0 617 4
H.K.R.N.V.R. "B"	2 2 0 606 4
1/Middlesex Regt. "G"	2 2 0 519 4
R.A.F. "B"	2 1 1 664 2
1/Middlesex Regt. "F"	2 1 1 502 2
R.E. (Stanley)	2 0 2 612 0
1/Middlesex Regt. "H"	2 0 2 554 0
H.K.V.D.C. "B"	2 0 2 503 0
2/R. Scots "D" Coy	
"B"	2 0 2 455 0
2/R. Scots H.Q. Coy	
"B"	2 0 2 265 0
Collinson R.C. "B"	1 0 1 205 0
R.E. (Collinson)	1 0 1 199 0

APERTURE SIGHTS LEAGUE LEAGUE STANDINGS—PERIOD ENDING 20TH JULY

R.A.F.	3 3 0 1149 6
Police "B"	3 3 0 1147 6
Police "A"	3 1 2 1140 2
Police Reserve "A"	3 1 2 1099 2
2/R. Scots "C" Coy	3 1 2 1095 2
Police Reserve "B"	3 0 3 1077 0

Cecil Goldman, who is playing water-polo for European Y.M.C.A. and who has been seen in exhibition diving at local galas, will be out of swimming for some time following an operation on his middle ear. He is at present in War Memorial Nursing Home.

WATER-POLO

Latest results in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament are as follows: Middlesex "A" 9 (Jennings 5, Bindon 3, Haymas) 8th Coastal, R.A. 0.

965th Battery 5 (Leong Kwok-wai 2, Longridge, Pidgeon, Robbins) 8th Coastal, R.A. 4 (McNulty 2, Woolridge, Colthorpe).

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CHUNGKING WELCOMES THE MOVE

A Chinese Government spokesman in Chungking expressed gratification at the prompt and energetic measures taken by the British Government with the support of other members of the British Commonwealth and the Government of India to counter Japan's fresh aggression in Indo-China.

The severance of all trade relations between the British Empire and Japan and the freezing of Japanese assets, which followed so closely the similar action taken by the United States Government, the spokesman said, not only deal the most serious blow to Japan's already weakened financial and economic structure but also demonstrate the ever-increasing solidarity among the Democratic powers.

China welcomes this strengthening of the anti-aggression front in the Pacific area as elsewhere, the spokesman added. — Central News.

TEACHERS TO BE PAID IN GRAIN

As a measure of relief to primary school teachers in the province, the Hunan Provincial Government has decided that the salaries of teachers be paid in grain. The new ruling will come into force as from September this year. — Central News.

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Eritrea Under British Occupation

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)

SOME ITALIANS IN THE British-occupied town of Asmara, Eritrea, are now coming out into the open as anti-Fascists, but others are not willing to commit themselves while they suspect there is any chance of the Fascists returning, but practically all of them, officials and civilians, show an almost unnatural readiness to cooperate with the British authorities.

The general feeling among the Italians in Asmara is one of bitterness against their leaders, and the political problem, however small, is being compared with the economic problem facing the British Administration.

Eritrea has always been developed by the Italians as a show place on uneconomic lines. A big attempt is now being made to get the economic life of the country running.

Eritrea has numerous garages and works ready for anything except build cars, and they are said to be only equalled in numbers and equipment.

British possession of this El Dorado of machine-tools is helping to solve the transport problems of the Middle East. In addition to finding employment wherever possible, the British are supporting women and children with regular allowances.

Good Relations

Good relations exist between the Italians and the British, South African and Indian troops garrisoning the country, but the feeling of irritation against their leaders never varies.

Eritrean sea, rail and road routes are being opened by the authorities. The railway from the Red Sea port of Massawa, which may yet form a link with the Sudan, was fortunately little damaged, and its cheap transport will reduce the cost of living.

Eritrea has been the testing ground of what Britain can do in administering and feeding occupied territory. Doubtless, the experience gained here will be invaluable later in the harder post-war task of feeding Europe's millions. — Reuter.

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JAPANESE TROOPS POUR IN
Washington Expects New MoveJAPANESE
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In the greatest wave of anti-foreign agitation since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war, the Shanghai Japanese police are continuing the reign of terror due to the assassination of a Japanese naval sentry and the wounding of a Japanese officer by Chinese gunmen.

The incident provided an opportunity to vent wrath for the freezing of Japanese assets by Britain and the United States.

Foreigners in Shanghai are receiving indiscriminate roughing. British women are being slapped.

TWENTY THOUSAND JEWISH REFUGEES ARE TAKING THE BRUNT OF THE ABUSE. THOUGH FOREIGNERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES ARE BEING SUBJECT TO INDIGNITIES.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

HEAVY NAZI
CONCENTRATIONS
ON FRONTIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Quoting Ankara, the Moscow Radio declared yesterday that between 23,000 and 25,000 German and Bulgarian troops are concentrated on the Bulgarian-Turkish frontier.—International News Service.

BRILLIANT
IDEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") M. JEAN LUCHAIR, WRITING IN THE PARIS "NOUVEAUX TEMPS," PROPOSED A VICHY-GERMAN AGREEMENT FOR THE "PROTECTION" OF DAKAR, IN FRENCH WEST AFRICA, AGAINST "ANGLO-AMERICAN AGGRESSION."

He pointed out that the Vichy Occidental colonies will be threatened if the Battle of the Atlantic reaches a certain stage of development and that the Vichy African High Command must resist as much as possible.—International News Service.

Strangulation
Threat To Japan

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF THE BASES ACQUIRED UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR THE JOINT DEFENCE OF INDO-CHINA IS ALREADY WELL UNDER WAY, AND, ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM SAIGON THIS AFTERNOON, A HEAVY FLOW OF JAPANESE TROOPS IS POURING INTO INDO-CHINA.

The despatch adds that Japanese naval transports and warships are expected to arrive in Camranh Bay, the big Indo-China naval base, "shortly." Major-General Sumita is in command of the Japanese land forces.

Meanwhile further Japanese expansion moves were predicted in Washington yesterday as a result of the drastic tightening of the licensing system, particularly on the export of oil.

Some quarters are of opinion that the continued tightening of the economic blockade will result in economic strangulation of the Japanese Empire in about a year.

The manager of N.Y.K. office in Los Angeles yesterday cancelled all bookings from the port. The cancellation becomes effective from to-day, affecting heavy departure lists.

In San Francisco, action by the State Department is awaited to clarify the status of the Japanese liner, s.s. Talsuta Maru, which is still off the Pacific coast.

Significant ?

Mr. Morito Morishime, Japanese Consul-General in New York, stated yesterday that he hoped the United States freezing order would be modified.

He also implied that the action would bring a similar response in Tokyo, and pointed out the need of the two governments to maintain trade relations.—International News Service.

Reuter quotes a Tokyo Finance Ministry statement announcing the name of 33 American firms in Japan whose transactions will be placed under Government control, under the Japanese freezing act, effective to-day.

Most prominent firms affected are the Ford Company branches, the Universal Film Company and General Motors.

Effective Move

The situation arising from the Japanese move in Indo-China continues to take up a large share in London and provincial press comment.

The "Times" leader points out that "The United States licensing system, used as it obviously will be in concert with the Governments of the British Empire, can if necessary put an effective stop to Japanese trade not only with

North America and the Empire but also with South America where the bulk of Japanese trade is conducted in dollars or sterling through New York, San Francisco and London.

"The freezing" orders cover by far the greater part of Japan's trade with the rest of the world especially her trade in oil, metals and other munitions.

"It is safe to say that Japan would not be able to carry on the war of aggression against China if American and British supplies are denied her.

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JAPANESE ARMY
IN MANCHURIA
INCREASED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The strength of the Japanese army in Manchuria and Korea has increased to 17 divisions, it was learned in Chungking yesterday.

This concentration of armed forces is said to be the biggest east of Harbin.—International News Service.

SOVIET GUERILLAS
CREATING HAVOC

M. LOZOVSKY, SOVIET Under-Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, stated yesterday that remarkable facts had been revealed confirming the great part played by Russian guerilla units behind the German lines in territory occupied by the Germans.

New examples occur daily of valour which render the occupation of numerous places nominally in the hands of the invaders most precarious. Guerillas, often in contact with regular Red Army units, watch convoys and petrol going to the front and organise their interception.

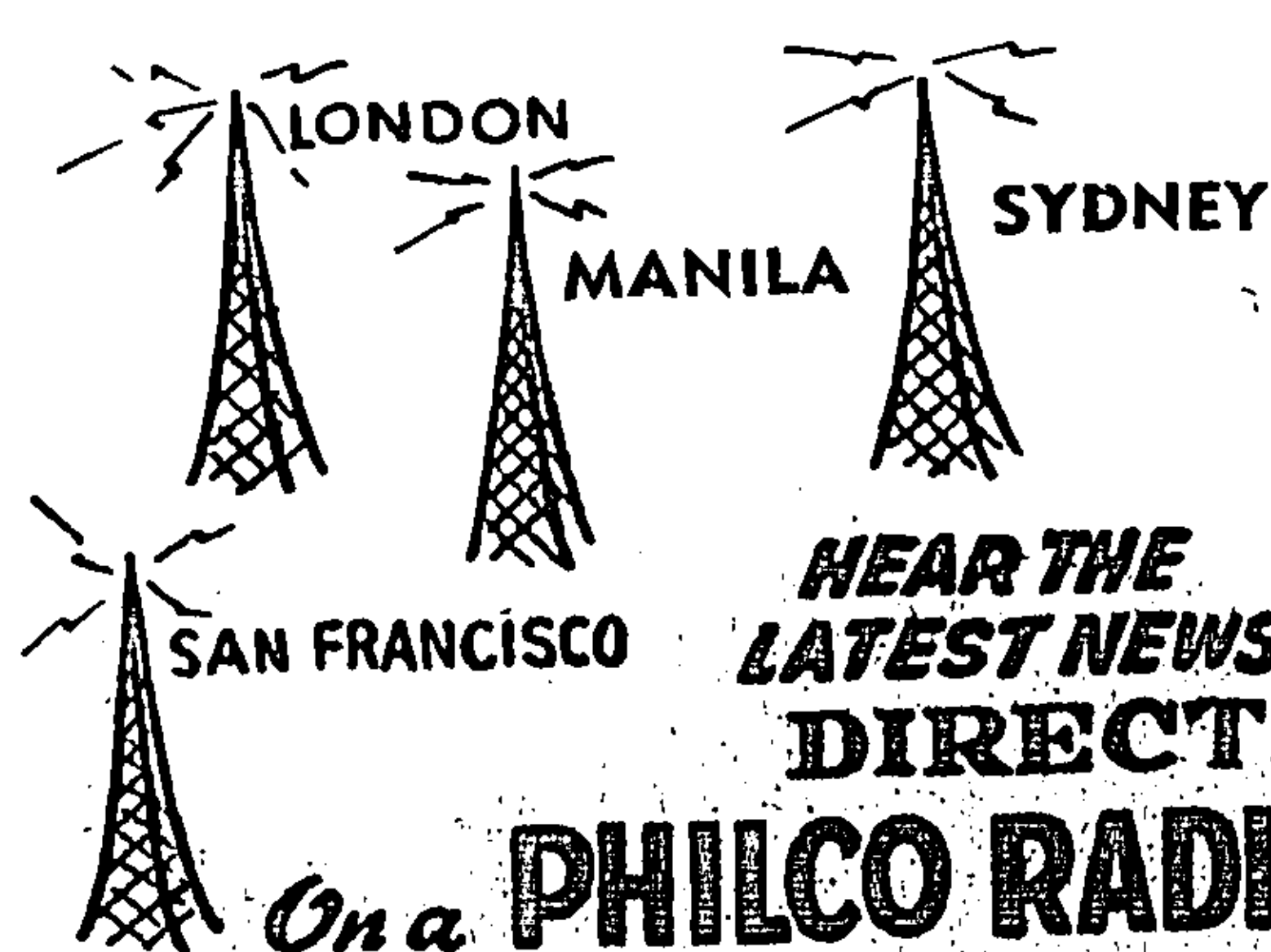
A guerilla unit recently captured Stuck, killing the entire German garrison, destroyed stocks of munitions and petrol and did not withdraw until German reinforcements were near.

At Luniniec, another guerilla unit destroyed a German tank, killed 30 soldiers, destroyed 3,000 tons of grain and petrol supplies and blew up two bridges.

A Parichev and Domanovitch guerillas destroyed, with tank traps and artillery, 30 tanks and armoured vehicles.

Among the clever guerilla tricks which cause panic among the Germans and which are widely practised everywhere are wires stretched across roads at night to knock off motor-cyclists and iron spiked bars to puncture tyres.

The German Command is infuriated by these activities. M. Lozovsky added, and captured guerillas are killed with horrible tortures. Nevertheless, they and the populations supporting them are more determined than ever.



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"TO-NIGHT BRITISH AND AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARE PATROLLING THE ATLANTIC ON PARALLEL LINES, WITH ONLY ONE OBJECT IN VIEW, NAMELY, TO GUARD THE WORLD'S LIFELINE," SAID PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PERSONAL ENVOY, MR. HARRY HOPKINS, DURING A BROADCAST FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Hopkins mentioned that the bomber in which he flew the Atlantic recently was accompanied by 20 other bombers, and he declared thousands of American aircraft had already been flown across the Atlantic or had been shipped to Britain.

"I came here on business which is the same as that of every other American, down to the man who drives a rivet in the shipyards or runs a lathe in aeroplane factories, the business of safeguarding our heritage of freedom of thought and action."

Mr. Hopkins declared: "Right now Hitler is seriously threatening this heritage of ours."

"The President, speaking for the American nation, is rendering more than lip service to Britain. Even now American destroyers are plunging their bows into the waters of the North Atlantic."

Bridge Of Admiration

"Once this mighty ocean separated us. Now it joins us."

"The President is at one with Mr. Churchill in determination to break the ruthless power of that sinful psychopathic of Berlin."

After declaring he had carried out President Roosevelt's instructions to find out just what Britain needed now and whether cargoes

were arriving safely, Mr. Hopkins continued:

"To-day the Atlantic is merely a channel. A bridge of friendship spans it."

"A bridge of sympathy and admiration extends from Washington to London, and although unseen, is so strong that all the powers of darkness and Nazi terrorism cannot destroy it."

"We no longer measure distance in miles. The Hun is only 21 miles from Dover, yet he and his pagan ways are 2,000 years away from Dover."

Tangible Form

"Like most Americans I feel that your fight is a fight for the freedom of the whole world and that it must not, and will not, fail."

"At one time you received messages of goodwill from America. The President realised that was not enough."

"He realised sympathy is human but that a Flying Fortress can drop more bombs. He knew admiration was pleasing but that a

U.S. ON LOOK OUT FOR SABOTAGE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Armed Coast Guards are patrolling Los Angeles harbour and the fish harbour, where 3,000 Japanese operate a fishing fleet.

Precautions have been taken against sabotage since the fishing fleet is anchored near the U.S. naval base docks and defence plants. — International News Service.

destroyer could drop depth charges.

"The Lend and Lease Bill was the answer, putting our admiration and sympathies into tangible form and providing a weapon against the tyrant-against the man who would enslave our Democracies."

"Until now Britain has not been told just what help America has given. Publication of exact figures might give the enemy valuable information and jeopardise the Atlantic lifeline."

Thousands Of 'Planes

"Now that lifeline is much stronger. No enemy action can now stop the ceaseless line of ships coming here daily, laden with something much more substantial than hopes and sympathy."

During the past few months thousands of American-made aeroplanes have been flown across the Atlantic or shipped to Britain.

"A vast programme for building thousands of giant Boeing four-engined bombers is far advanced and Hitler will not be able to move his factories far enough to escape their devastating power of destruction."

"America has already sent several hundred tanks throughout your Empire. Many more are en route."

"Ocean-going ships, many of them oil tankers, have been transferred to Britain. The greatest merchant ship building programme ever undertaken is in progress."

American Promise

"Rivetting never stops night and day. We can promise there will be ships to carry food, oil and ammunition."

"To-day American-made tanks are caterpillaring over the sands of the eastern deserts. To-day every kind of American-made aeroplane are roaring into combat wherever the Luftwaffe shows fight."

"To-day British factories are in full production using machine-tools made in America."

"Yet we realise our part to-day has not been great. Our contribution has been but a modest part in your great war effort."

"Blood, toll, sweat and tears have been yours — not ours. We realise this and there is a reason for our apparent slowness."

Hands Joined

"Factories geared to peacetime production had to be converted overnight. It took time to realise that the war might be decided in the factories of Detroit and Los Angeles, in the Pittsburgh steel mills, in the Pennsylvania mines."

"That is realised to-day. American industry now joins hands with the men who work for Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Bevin in forgetting disputes, in limiting holidays, in sacrificing all for the common victory."

"I am not talking of the distant future, nor of estimates based

'GERMAN' ATTACK LAUNCHED ON ENGLISH CITIES

AT DAWN YESTERDAY the biggest "invasion" exercises ever staged in Britain began in and around Reading. While "German" planes roared over the town and parachutists descended, Fifth Columnists endeavoured to create a diversion.

At the same time, air borne troops, equipped with armoured vehicles landed in the neighbourhood.

The Home Guard and Fire Service and all other branches of the civil defence services took part, the Home Guards particularly distinguished themselves in the clever use of local knowledge to delay the "invaders" pending arrival of the heavily armed infantry.

Smoke screens, gas, tanks and all modern methods were introduced.

In London and Nottingham, large scale exercises were also carried out and spectators witnessed fierce street fighting between "invading" tanks and the Home Guards.—Reuter.

on speculation.

"Ships now being built in America were only paper pictures on blueprints a few months ago. Now they are translated into wood and steel. Soon they will be aloft, strengthening the supply line between Britain and America."

"We have not neglected the question of food. America will never allow the British people to go hungry."

Huge Quantities

"America has decided to decrease consumption of food and increase production. During the next 12 months huge quantities of cheese, pork, eggs, canned salmon, raisins, evaporated milk and concentrated fruit juice will arrive here."

"Thousands of miscellaneous articles important to the war effort are also on their way from aviation petrol to road-building machinery, chemicals of all kinds and metals."

"These are coming in increasing volume. The Lend and Lease Bill has given the President specific authority to foster this great programme of production and delivery."

"NOR DO WE FORGET TO LOOK TOWARDS THE EAST WHERE CHINA IS BATTLING VALIANTLY AGAINST THE FORCES MENACING DEMOCRACY. NEITHER ARE WE FORGETTING OF THE MAGNIFICENT FIGHT THE RUSSIANS ARE PUTTING UP IN THE DEFENCE OF THEIR HOMELAND."

Delivery Will Be Made

"We Americans are determined to give China and Russia all possible aid—and immediately!"

"Mr. Churchill asked us for the tools. I promise you they are coming, that an endless assembly belt stretches from our western coast to Britain and to the Middle East and nothing will be allowed to interfere with the full efficiency of this supply line."

"The enormous amount of war material now en route will reach here safely. President Roosevelt promised that he will take steps to ensure the delivery of goods consigned to England. President Roosevelt does not give his word lightly."

"Peoples of Britain—the peoples of the British Commonwealth—you are not fighting alone." — Reuter.

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SHANGHAI BOY'S SUCCESS

Mr. Herbert James Starling, L.R.A.M., the twenty-four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Starling, of "Hungjiao," Uphill Road, Uphill, and formerly of Shanghai, gave a first performance of Preludes, his own composition, at a recent concert at the Town Hall, Newport, Mon. One Welsh paper describes him as "a young composer with a most promising future."

He has studied in England, China and Japan, and his work is much admired by musicians."

The young composer, who is at present serving in the R.A.M.C. was born in Shanghai. Of the recent concert at Newport, the "South Wales Argus" stated:—

"The central interest of the concert was the first public performance of 'Six Short Preludes,' by Herbert Starling. They were very short, but they were beautiful, full of meaning, the work of a composer who definitely had something to say and said it with beauty and authority. The audience was delighted by the preludes . . ."

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BLITZKRIEG A WASH-OUT

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT RECEIVED BY AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY SHOWS THAT DURING THE PAST WEEK THE OPPOSING LINES REMAINED PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED WITH THE RUSSIAN FORCES PUTTING UP A MAGNIFICENT DEFENCE. THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION FROM THE ARCTIC TO THE BLACK SEA.

The only advance worth mentioning has been a very slight one by the Germans on the Finnish front but this is so slight that it can be regarded as having no military significance.

News of the annihilation of two German divisions is claimed to be a very severe setback to the German invaders but it is pointed out that with the huge numbers of men now taking part in the fighting it must not be regarded as a major defeat for the Germans.

"We cannot yet give particulars about the vast Smolensk battle, but we shall do it as soon as we have finally beaten the Germans there," declared the Vice-president of the Information Board, M. Lozovsky, at his press conference in Moscow yesterday.

"It is a battle that will be studied for many years," he added. Speaking of the raids on Moscow, he reiterated that only a small percentage of the German planes broke through to Moscow, and most of them perished. He thought the Germans could not keep it up.

Heavy Casualties

Remarking on the fact that many German bombers were brought down near Moscow with much petrol aboard, he said the Germans were mostly obliged to operate from distant bases, any new aerodromes near the front being subjected to continuous Russian bombing, involving the destruction of German machines. Reverting to the war on land, M. Lozovsky said: "We inflict numerous casualties in killed and wounded, and also take many prisoners."

He also declared that details would shortly be given of the surrender of an entire Slovak mechanised regiment.

A Wash-Out

"THE BLITZKRIEG IS A WASH-OUT," HE ADDED. "WHEN WE DECLARED IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE SURPRISE ATTACK, THAT THE LOSS OF CERTAIN TERRITORIES WAS NOT VITAL, SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT WE EXAGGERATED."

"But the Soviet Union, with scores of industrial centres, can afford to lose a small proportion of her territory."

I asked M. Lozovsky (says Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow) for particulars of the bombing of the Ploesti pipe-line, in the centre of the Rumanian oil-fields, and he smiled, saying: "Ploesti, there is nothing left but the name."—Reuter.

Three Divisions Destroyed

Moscow reports that three Nazi divisions have been destroyed in the past few days and that a highly strategic island at the mouth of the Danube has been captured, while Russian troops along the entire front repulsed fresh Nazi onslaughts and counter-attacked at several points.

The sixth successive attempted mass air attack on Moscow failed, only a few raiders getting through the city's defences.

Most of the German bombs were dropped on the outskirts of the city. Six raiders were downed, out of the 100 which are estimated to have participated in the attack.

Daring Danube Feat

In a daring feat, threatening to outflank the southern anchor of the whole Nazi front and placing the Red Army in a position to strike at Rumania's chief Black Sea ports, a Russian torpedo-boat flotilla, covered by shore guns on the Bessarabian coast, seized an island identified only by the letter "K" in one of the Danube outlets.

LONDON VIEW OF EASTERN FRONT

ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION on the Russian front is confusing to military observers in other countries it is felt in authoritative circles in London that all signs pointed to the fact that there had not been any serious or marked change in the position during the last week—the fifth week of the German onslaught.

There were few signs of any further advance of the Nazi hordes and only a small advance by the Finns in the north. Communiqués and reports coming in confirmed the view that the Russian armies are doing well at present.

The Russian air force, doing queer—still able to throw extraordinarily good work, particularly in attacking armoured formations and oil refineries at Ploesti, in Rumania.

Great significance is attached to the chance of tone of the German propaganda machine, which recently claimed that the Russians were throwing in their last reserves.

The German High Command spokesman said last night that it line was pierced everywhere by became evident that the enemy, the invincible Nazis, and that in spite of heavy losses—which the Russian campaign would end the Russians themselves have as quickly as the "blitzkrieg" in mentioned in their own communi—the west—British Wireless.

HITHERTO REGARDED AS IMPREGNABLE, THE ISLAND WAS STORMED AND CAPTURED ONLY THREE HOURS AFTER THE SURPRISE ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED.

The Nazi and Rumanian defenders fought fiercely but were completely routed, and the Russian naval landing forces seized a large number of artillery pieces, machine-guns, munitions and equipment. International News Service.

German Convoy Losses

Last night's Soviet communiqué said: "Our troops fought on Sunday in the Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions. There were no important engagements in other sectors."

"During Saturday 104 German aircraft were destroyed for the loss of 12 Soviet machines."

"During Saturday vessels of the Baltic Fleet sank two enemy destroyers, one submarine and two transports loaded with fuel and put out of action a coast-guard vessel."

"One German infantry division has been annihilated."

"During the German raid on Moscow on the night of Saturday/Sunday eight, and not six, German planes were shot down."—Reuter.

NAZI TRAIN DISASTER IN POLAND

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Soviet Information Bureau in Moscow announces that the Nazi Gestapo have made numerous arrests following a collision between German troop and freight trains near Warsaw.

More than 2,000 were killed and injured in the collision, it was reported.—International News Service.

AFGHANS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN KABUL ON SATURDAY AGAIN DECLARED AFGHANISTAN'S NEUTRALITY IN THE PRESENT WAR.

The Government wished that there be no misapprehension abroad.

The declaration said that Afghanistan strictly adhered to her policy of perfect neutrality and maintained extremely cordial relations with the belligerent powers.—Reuter.

DOMINION STATUS

The Indian Non Party Leaders' Conference at Poona passed a resolution demanding complete reconstruction of the Viceroy's Executive Council and urging a declaration specifying the time limit where the new constitution for India will be inaugurated, according her the same status as Great Britain and the Dominions.—Reuter.

STONES THROWN AT BUS

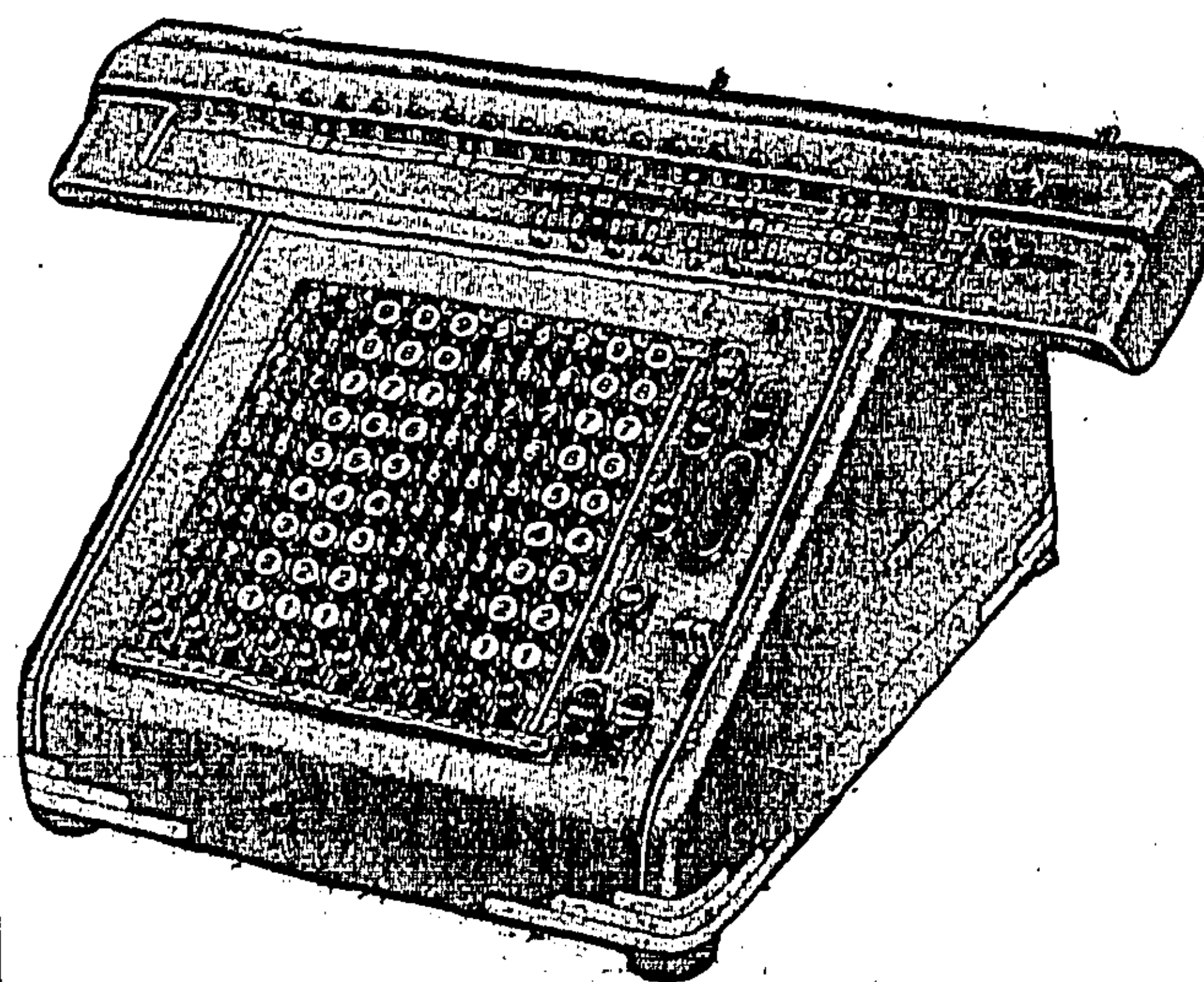
Lam Leung, bus conductor, has reported that stones were thrown at a motor-bus proceeding along Sai Kung Road yesterday, resulting in two window panes being smashed.

LONDON AIR RAID

The air raid alert was sounded in London early this morning, and was followed by gunfire, states a brief Reuter message.

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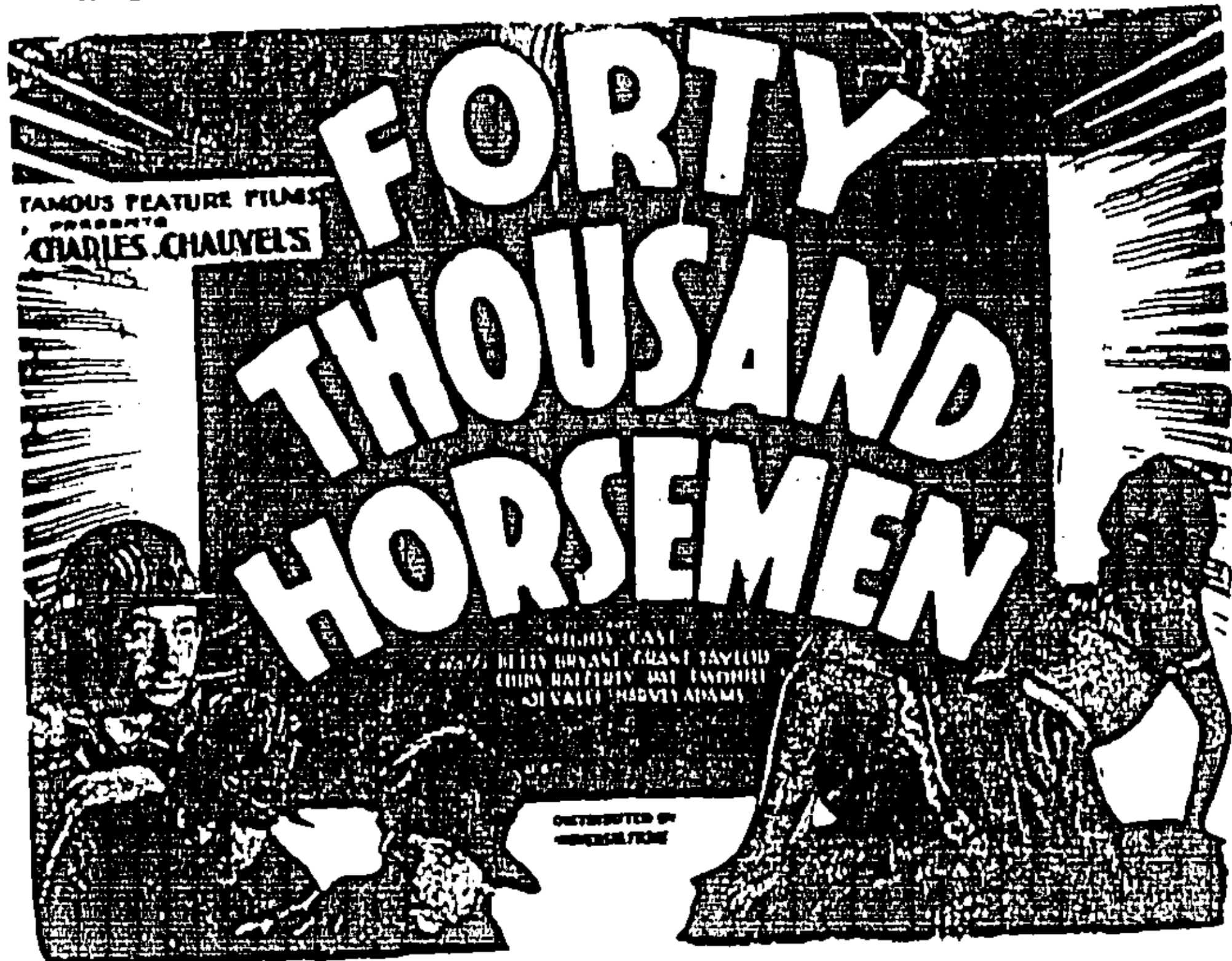
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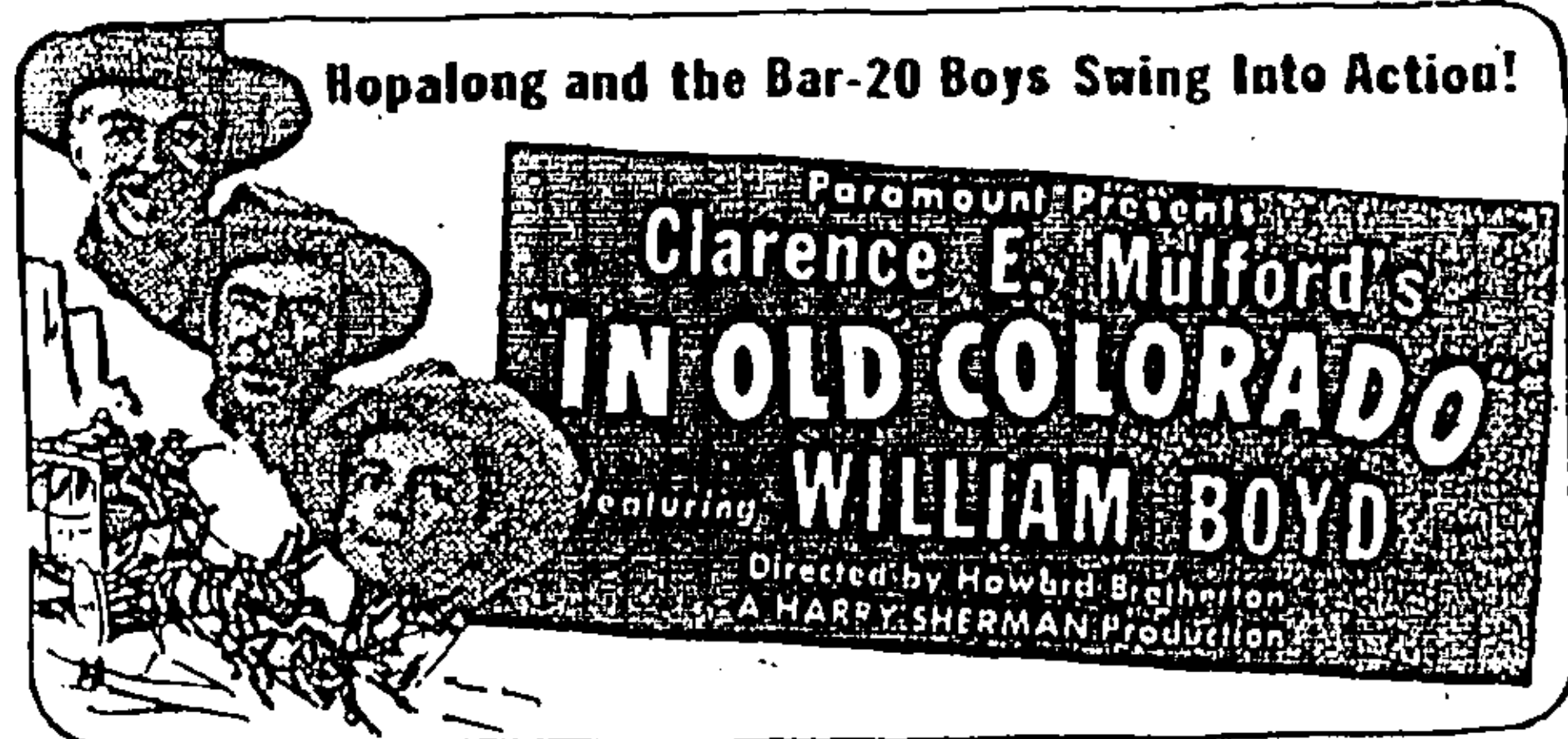
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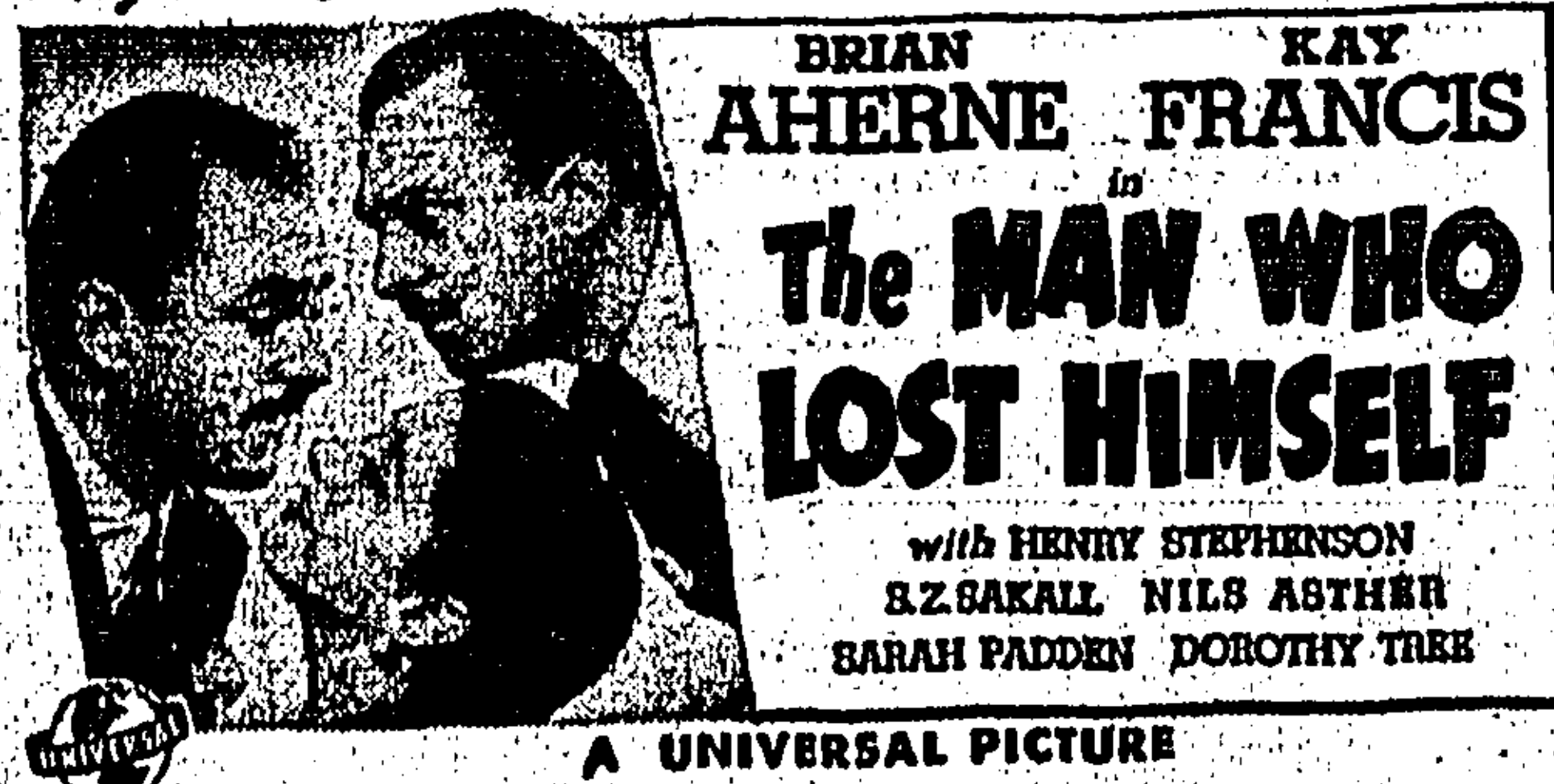
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THRILLING STORY OF ATTACKS ON A CONVOY

DETAILS ARE NOW GIVEN BY A CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET OF THE ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY OF A CONVOY - ADMIRAL SOMERVILLE HAVING GIVEN THE ORDER, "CONVOY MUST GO THROUGH."

Only one merchantman was damaged in the passage through the central Mediterranean and the dangerous narrow sea between Sicily and the Libyan Coast, but she arrived at the destination limping under her own steam.

The correspondent writes: "Protecting warships suffered most at the hands of the enemy. The price the navy paid in fighting the convoy through was the destroyer Fearless sunk, a cruiser damaged by an aerial torpedo and a destroyer damaged by a near miss.

"Twelve enemy aircraft were shot down and many others so badly mauled by fighters that it is doubtful if they regained their bases.

"The Ark Royal's fighters again played a memorable part in smashing attacks on enemy formations. Six fighters were lost but the crews of four saved.

"The battleship Renown, flagship, and cruisers steamed together.

"Spotted on the second day out we expected attacks but nothing happened till next day, when the peaceful scene under brilliant moonlight changed swiftly to one of roaring action.

Full Of Thrills

"The next half hour was full of thrills for the troops in the care of the Navy. They heard the cracking roar of over 100 A.A. guns and the terrific tattoo of pom-poms and machine-guns.

"They saw the blue sky fouled with smoke and hundreds of bursting shells and bombs crunching the sea as a formation of high level bombers and torpedo bombers came in simultaneous attacks.

"Fighters met the bombers and tore into them swiftly. Two fell flaming in the sea. Bombs fell around the warships and among the merchantmen and destroyers.

"Then we saw torpedo bombers skimming the wave tops weaving through the lines of ships. Three were shot down into the sea.

"As the attack finished we saw a column of black smoke, obviously burning oil, coming from the stern of the destroyer Fearless two miles away. We learned, too, that a cruiser had been hit.

"No other attack came during the day but in the evening fighters smashed an attack by torpedo bombers before they reached gun range. Two were shot down and others damaged.

Italians Flee

"Next morning fighters roared up from the aircraft carrier and intercepted a formation of eight Italian bombers.

"Nearly a score of bombs dropped on the horizon as the enemy planes jettisoned loads and fled. Two were shot down in flames.

"Four torpedo bombers attacked. Three torpedoes passed close to two cruisers.

"Later a high level attack was made and twenty bombs were dropped, one near-missing a destroyer which was damaged.

"At midnight the sea was brilliantly lit by flares dropped by enemy aircraft searching for the convoy.

"In the early hours of the morning E-boats attacked for one hour. One was sunk by gunfire and another damaged.

"A torpedo found its mark on one of the convoy. A destroyer drew alongside and embarked the troops. The ship was able to continue although subsequently twice unsuccessfully attack.

"Six JU dive bombers tried to attack this ship and a cruiser claimed one by gunfire."—British Wireless.

INDIAN HERO'S MODESTY

SECOND-LIEUTENANT P. S. BHAGAT, FIRST INDIAN TO BE AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS IN THE PRESENT WAR, ARRIVED IN INDIA YESTERDAY ON TWO MONTHS' LEAVE.

Looking extremely fit, Bhagat refused to say anything about himself but was full of praise for the part played by Indian troops in East Africa.

Broadcasting from the Bombay station of the All-India Radio, he spoke highly of the work of the Indian sappers at Jeren, Teclesan, Massawa and Amba-Alagi.

Wearing a miniature V.C. attached to a dark ribbon now, Bhagat will receive the Cross from the King Emperor.—Reuter.

VALETTA ATTACK FAILURE

Further information concerning the attack on Valetta harbour at Malta early on Saturday morning is now available.

A joint Admiralty and War Office communique issued in London yesterday says: "Shortly before 5 a.m. (local time) E-boats appeared off the harbour entrance and fixed defences manned by the military garrison immediately engaged them.

"One E-boat was hit and blew up, while four more were destroyed by gunfire.

"It then appeared that the E-boats were acting as a cover for smaller torpedo-carrying craft which attempted to break into the harbour.

"THESE WERE HEAVILY ENGAGED BY GUNFIRE FROM SHORE DEFENCES, EIGHT BEING BLOWN UP OR SUNK. NONE SUCCEEDED IN ENTERING THE HARBOUR.—REUTER.

Fighter Pursuit

R.A.F. fighters pursued the remaining E-boats which were trying to extricate themselves and sank four more and damaged others.

Our fighters then encountered enemy aircraft which were endeavouring to give air support to the retreating enemy.

Three enemy aircraft were shot down into the sea. One R.A.F. fighter was lost but the pilot was saved.

Reports so far received indicate that the assault on the harbour was attempted by eight small torpedo carrying craft all of which were destroyed by the defences.

The view that none of the assaulting forces survived to report is confirmed by a special Italian communique, which merely referred to explosions seen by escorting forces "from a distance to seaward." — British Wireless.

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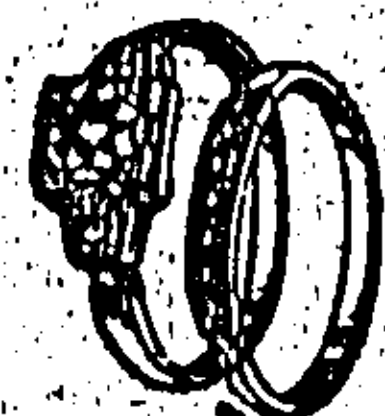
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LEADERS
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CONGRESS

Resignation from Congress of Mr. Munshi, former Home Minister in the Bombay Congress Government, followed by that of Dr. Satyapal, who was a member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, is regarded by competent observers as an indication of growing dissatisfaction with Mr. Gandhi's policy amongst his own followers.

In a resignation statement to the Press, upon which the influential Congress organ "Hindustan Standard" congratulated him, Dr. Satyapal pertinently asks: "What harm can accrue from our helping the British to win a war to save us from the evil fate of foreign invasion?" He suggests that non-cooperation by Congress is more apparent than real because he states Congressmen are pestering the gaol authorities for release on

ALSATIANS TOLD TO
DROP FRENCH NAMES

THE RUTHLESSNESS of Nazi efforts to convert Alsace-Lorraine, proclaimed in France as "the dearest provinces" of that country just before their re-annexation by Germany into German provinces is significantly illustrated by a document which reached the New York "Herald Tribune" recently.

Its authenticity cannot be doubted. It is a letter from a German police official in charge at Strasbourg to an Alsatian living in a neighbouring district and contains the "request" that the addressee drop his French name and adopt a German one, "or else." A translation of the letter, dated last February, follows in part:—

parole and for facilities to carry on business from goal. They are securing heavy contracts for their relatives and seeking Government employment for them.

Dr. Satyapal expressed complete lack of confidence in the civil disobedience movement and stated that Congress had converted itself into a "right's dictatorship."

The Lahore newspaper, "Tribune," which is also a Congress organ, gives currency to a report that the Congress President has expressed his dissatisfaction with the civil disobedience movement in a letter to Gandhi. — British Wireless.

"You have omitted hitherto to appear before the district commissary in authority for your place of residence and put in an application for you and your family to change your French name. In the new German Alsace it is unbearable that citizens have a French name. Profession of loyalty to Germanism is contingent upon having a German name. On Alsatian territory there must be a particular clarity in every respect; those who still have a French name manifest a French attitude."

"A Duty"

The writer goes so far as to tell the addressee that it is his duty "as a patriot" to change his name. "Every one who wishes his homeland and his people well must regard it as his patriotic duty to adopt a German name" the letter continues. "In doing this he erects the grandest memorial to his fathers and forefathers. Hereby you are once more offered a chance to produce evidence of your German way of thinking."

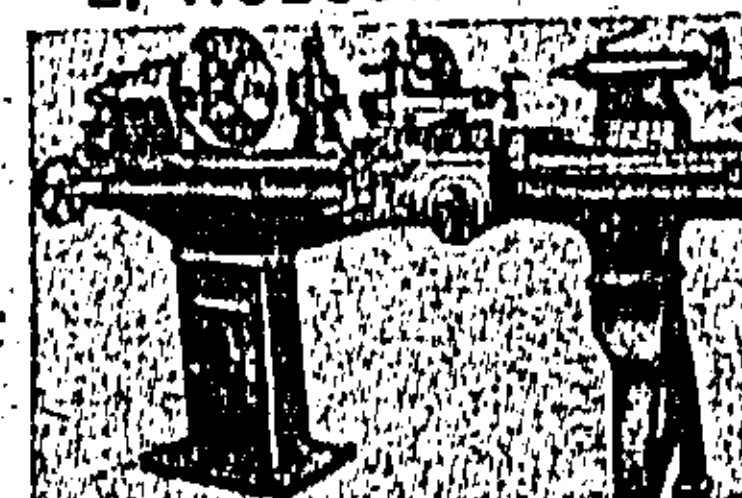
It seems that the German official had some doubts about the effectiveness of his argument, for he assumed a threatening tone in the last part of the letter: "For the last time you are requested herewith to move WITHIN EIGHT DAYS for a change of your French first or family name before the Bureau of the District Commissary on March 1, 1941, at 3 p.m. and submit the reason for your refusal."

"Your non-appearance in that case will result in your being brought before the commissary by force. Signed."

It may be noted that the letter provides for a change of the French first or family name of the addressee, which indicates that it is a copy of a circular letter which probably was sent out in numbers.

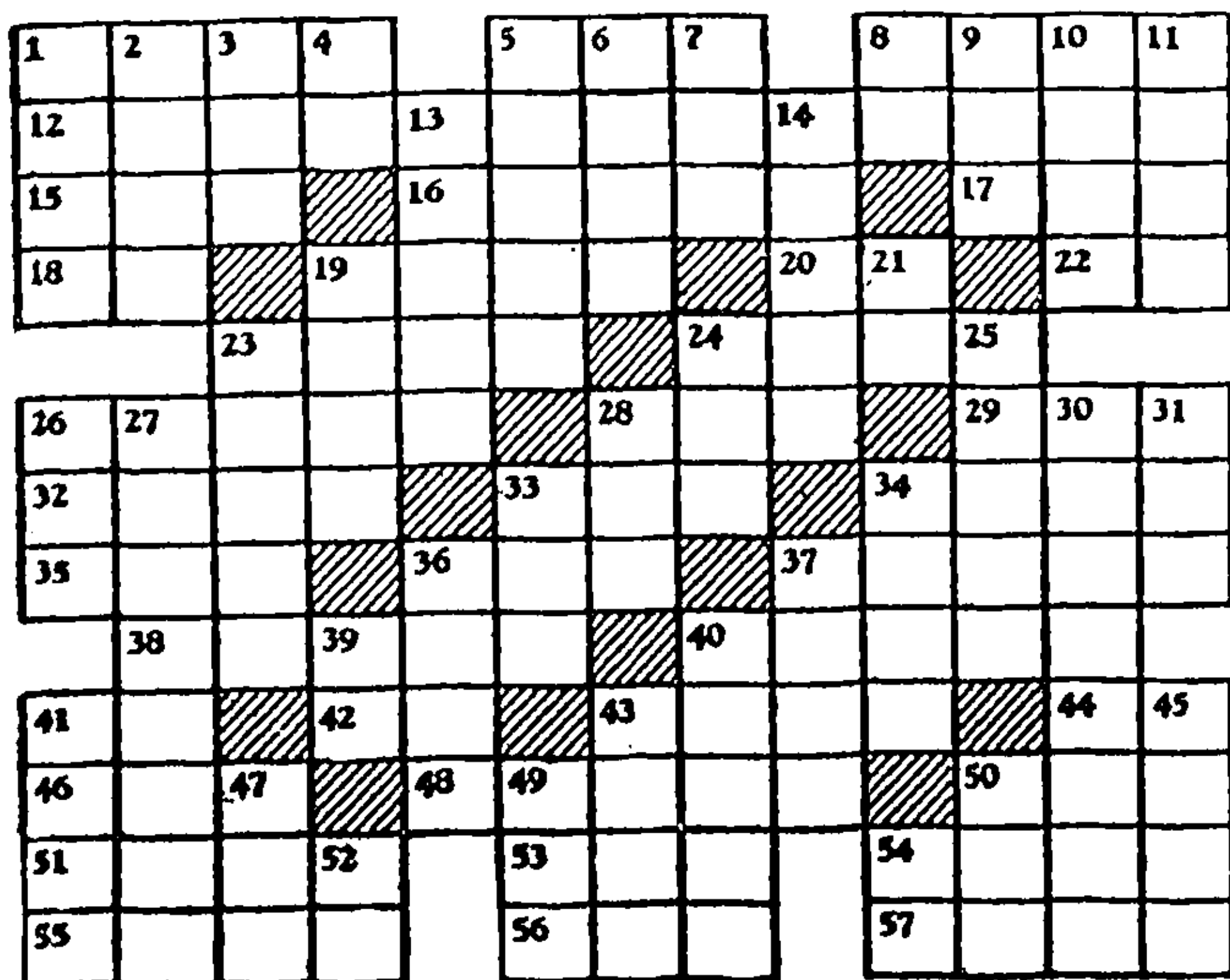
The pressure brought on these former citizens of France to adopt German names recalls the storm of indignation that swept Germany when Benito Mussolini ordered German families in the formerly Austrian Tyrol to adopt Italian names after the Italians annexed that region as a result of the Treaty of St. Germain in 1919.

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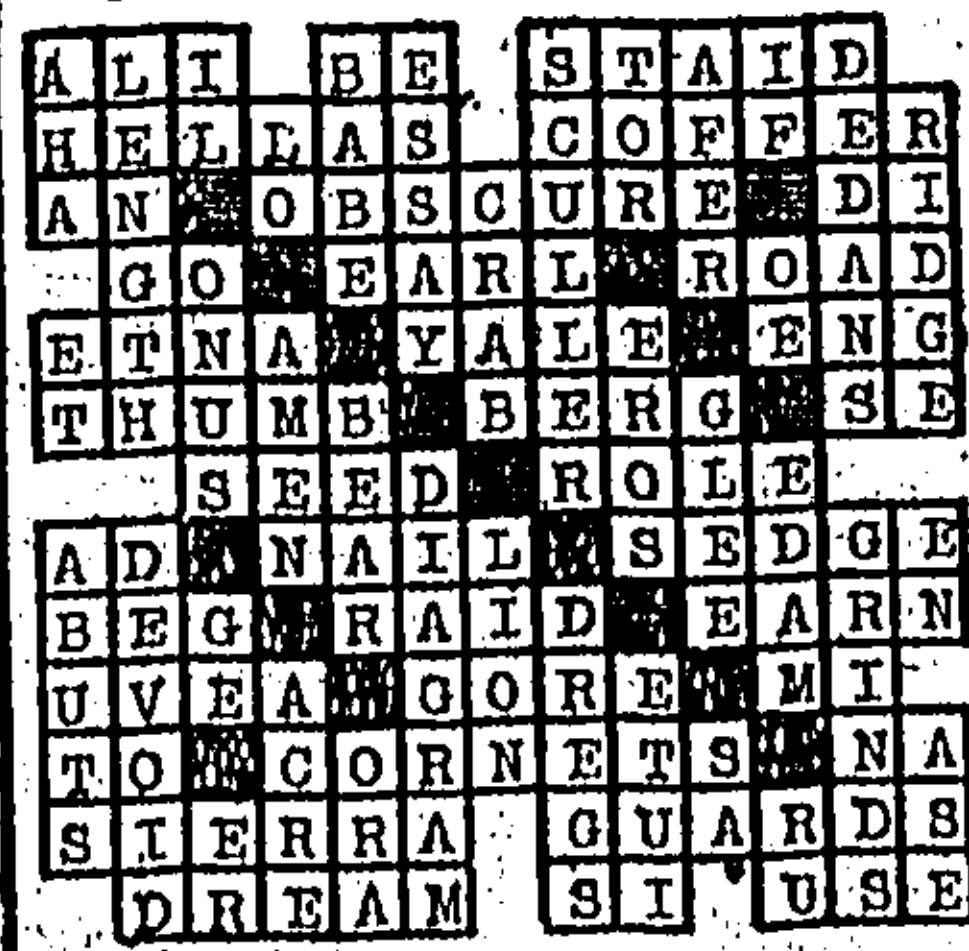
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- 1 Tenth of a cent

- 2 Plane surface
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- 6 To bubble up
- 7 Emmet
- 8 Note of scale
- 9 To recede
- 10 Cry of sorrow

- 11 Mother of Apollo
- 13 Long-legged bird
- 14 Surgical thread
- 19 Receptacle for holy water
- 21 Sacred Hindu word
- 23 More learned
- 24 Small cake
- 25 Nobleman
- 26 Large snake
- 27 Knaveish
- 28 Deer
- 30 To reflect upon
- 31 Label
- 33 Sheep
- 34 To conspire
- 36 Small particle
- 37 Solo
- 39 Spanish article
- 40 Perfect
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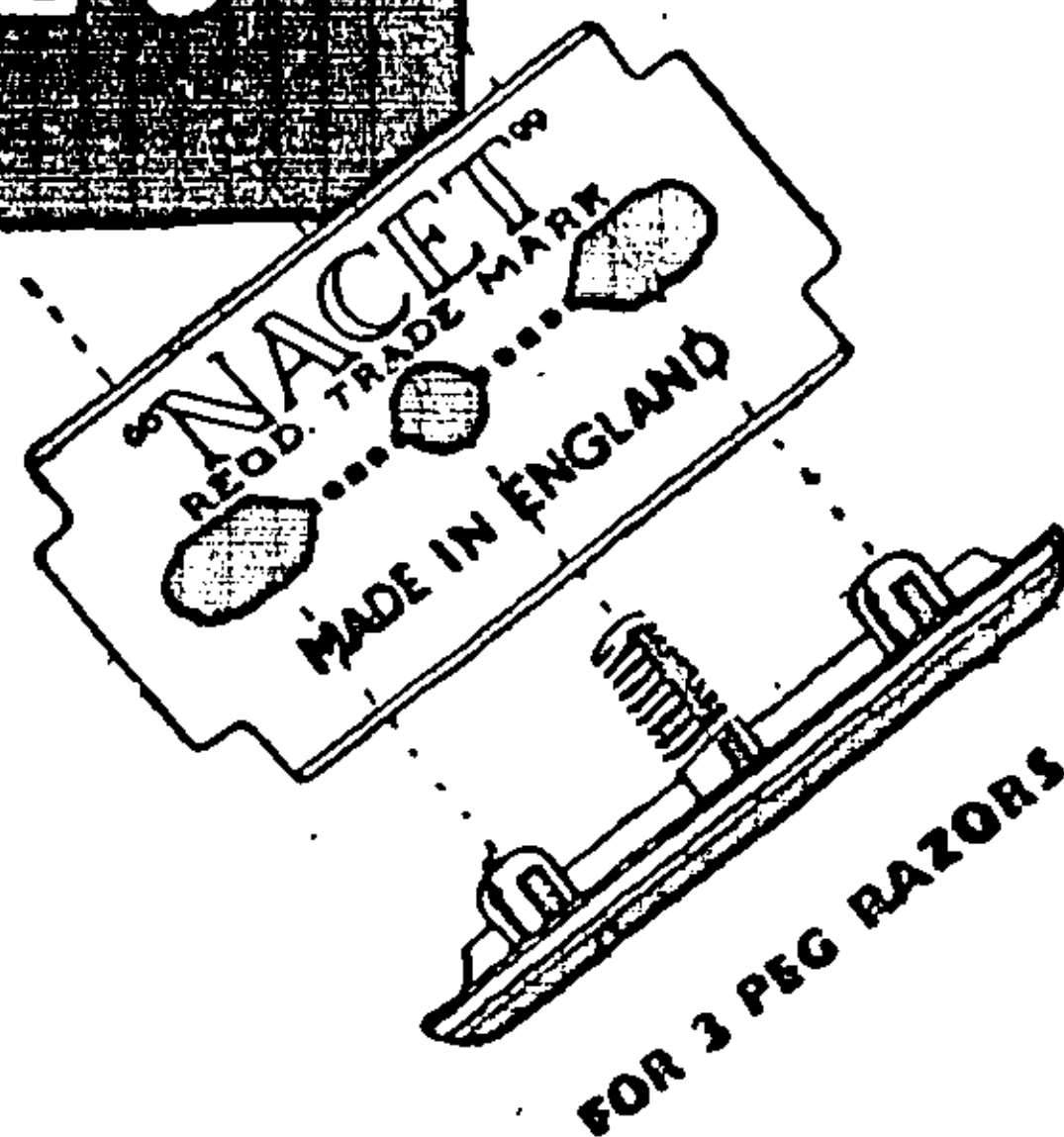
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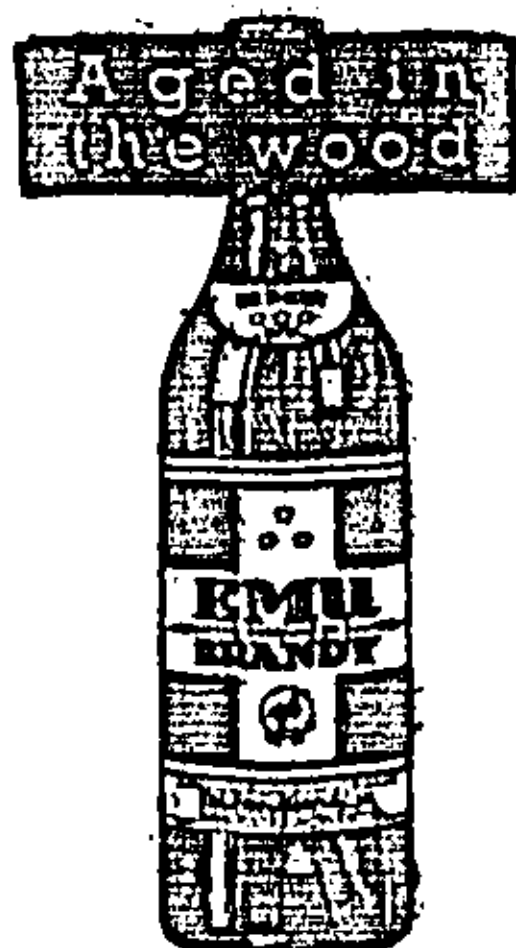
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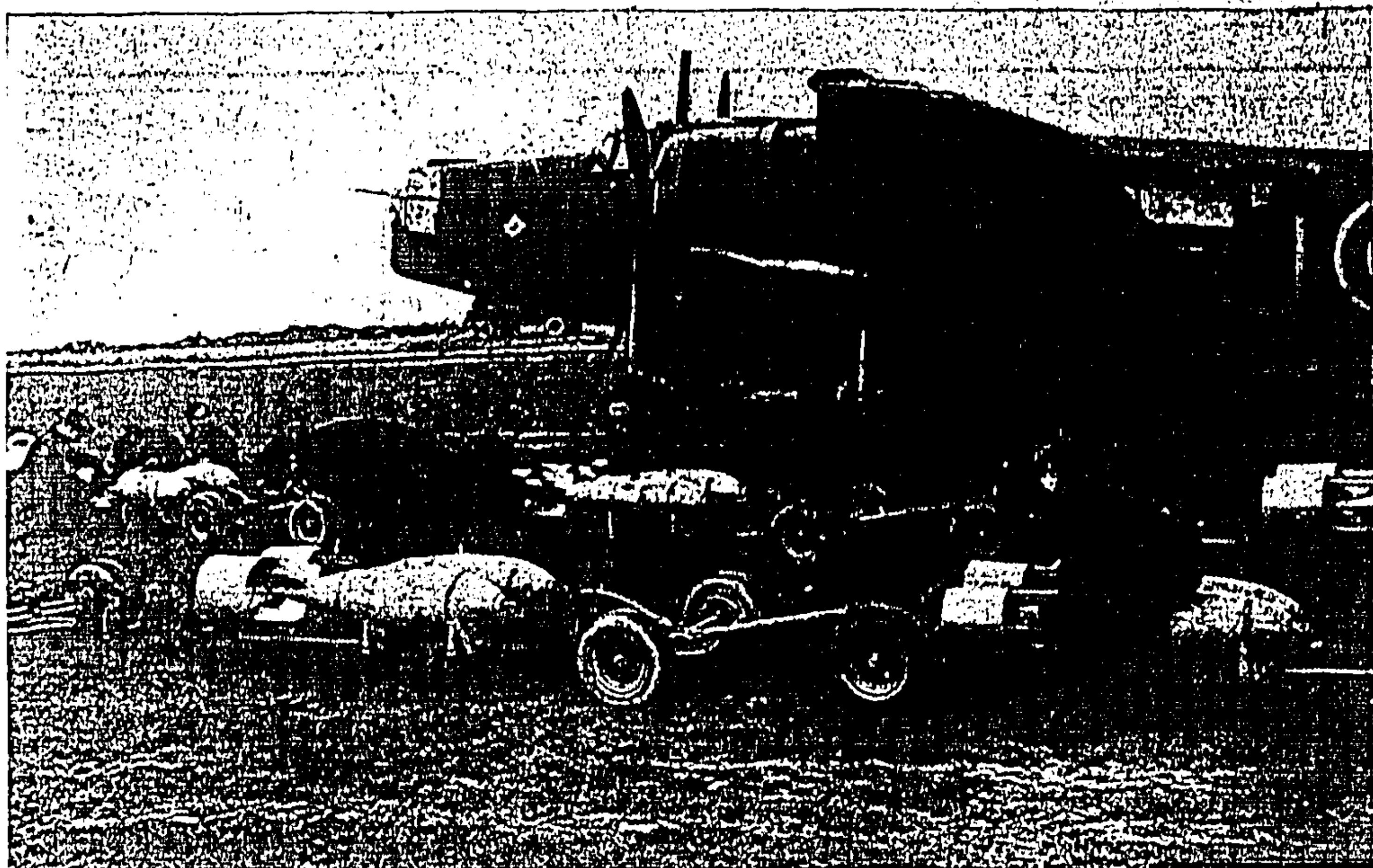
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AFTER FASHION OF NAZI OCCUPATION OF DENMARK

JAPANESE OCCUPATION of Indo-China, ostensibly effected at the invitation of Vichy for assistance in defending Indo-China against British aggression, and in virtue of an agreement between Vichy and Tokyo which was yesterday the subject of lengthy communiques issued in both centres, is recognised everywhere as an act of aggression which in kind differs but little from German occupation of Denmark.

Vichy's "invitation" was given with the same freedom as that of a traveller who surrenders his purse to a highwayman.

Outside Axis countries and probably to large extent within them, no responsible students of affairs are deceived by the gloss which Japan has attempted to put on her aggressive act and in France no less than in Indo-China, the French people will doubtless treat with contempt the efforts which Darlan and his associates are making to give a semblance of dignity to an act which in fact constitutes a new humiliation.

Some surprise is expressed in London that there should even be an attempt on the part of Japan with the open concurrence of Vichy to represent this move as a defensive measure against non-existent threats from Britain and America.

As the Foreign Secretary remarked in the Commons on Friday: "Propaganda of this kind is a customary prelude to fresh acts of violence by the Axis and their associates."

Parallel Action

The two great Powers, Britain and the United States, whose interests are affected in similar ways by Japanese action have moved swiftly in the face of the potential threat. The action taken by both, after close consultation, is on parallel lines, and the freezing of Japanese assets by both the United States and Britain has already been announced.

The Netherlands Government have been kept fully informed and announcements on their behalf following consultation with the Netherlands East Indies are awaited.

Washington reports state that freezing measures which immediately affect Japanese holdings in the United States are estimated to involve some £50,000,000 in Japanese export and import concerns and marks the first of a series of economic moves.

In London, the freezing is achieved as the result of measures already reported.

Washington Statement

A White House statement explains that the "measure" in effect

brings all financial and import and export trade transactions in which Japanese interests are involved under the control of the Government and imposes criminal penalties for violation of the order.

The statement adds that China, although a friend of U.S.A., is included "at the specific request of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and for the purpose of helping the Chinese Government."

The step is apparently intended to make the freezing order effective in the Japanese-occupied portions of China.

It was also announced early yesterday that the Netherlands Government in London are in consultation with the Dutch East Indies authorities in Batavia regarding the measures to be taken in view of the Indo-Chinese situation.—British Wireless.

THOMPSON TO TEACH AT U. OF VIRGINIA

Randall Thompson, one of America's foremost composers and for 10 years Director of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, has been elected Professor of Music and head of the Division of Music in the School of Fine Arts of the University of Virginia.

Dr. Thompson, who will join the faculty in September, will fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Arthur Fickenscher, head of Music Division for 21 years.

Dr. Thompson is a native of New York. He received an AB degree at Harvard in 1920, and Masters Degree in 1922. He was a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome from 1922 to 1925. He also studied composing under Ernest Bloch in New York for several years. The degree of Doctor of Music was conferred upon him in 1933 by the University of Rochester.

BOWL OF RICE CAMPAIGN

On Friday next, all Chinese restaurants contributing to the China Defence League's "Bowl of Rice Campaign" will be serving "Bowl of Rice Lunches" to those who buy the tickets now on sale in many centres in Hong Kong. The Campaign, which is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, is for productive relief of Chinese refugees in the Yellow River region, through the establishment of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. The Committee hopes to sell 20,000 tickets in all, making a relief fund of HK\$40,000.

On Saturday morning, in the Coffee Room of the Gloucester Hotel, a group of Hong Kong ladies met at tea to discuss arrangements for selling "Bowl of Rice tickets." Hostesses were Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Secretary of the League, Miss Mon-sing Liao, and Mrs. Chen Han-seng, representing the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. Among those present were Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. M. P. Wong, Mrs. K. C. Yeo, Mrs. Pearl Sung, Mrs. Wong Man, Miss Doris Chan, Mrs. Julia Wang, Mrs. Elsie Soong, Miss Mimi Lau, Miss Adele Lee, Mrs. M. W. Kwan, Miss Maple J. Quon, Miss Constance Lum, the Misses Annie, Zaza and Ada Sufflad, Miss Lo Pui Kin, Mrs. J. M. Tan, Mrs. Rose Tan, Mrs. Y. M. Wen, and others. Mrs. Chen exhibited specimens of the work of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives with samples of towels, uniforms and shoes they were making for Chinese soldiers, and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke asked for assistance in helping to sell tickets in various Hong Kong hotels and restaurants.

During this week, Bowl of Rice tickets will be on sale at the following places in Hong Kong (thanks to the kind permission of the managers and proprietors): Hong Kong Hotel, Gloucester Arcade, St. Francis Hotel, Cafe de China, Ying King Restaurant, Golden City, Kwong Chow Hotel, Golden Dragon, Kin Kwok Restaurant, Hotel Cecil, Hotel Metropole, and other central sites. The Town Office of the Bowl of Rice Campaign, where tickets and information may be obtained, is at the Compradore's Office, Belgian Bank, 4a Des Voeux Road, (Phone: 33354).

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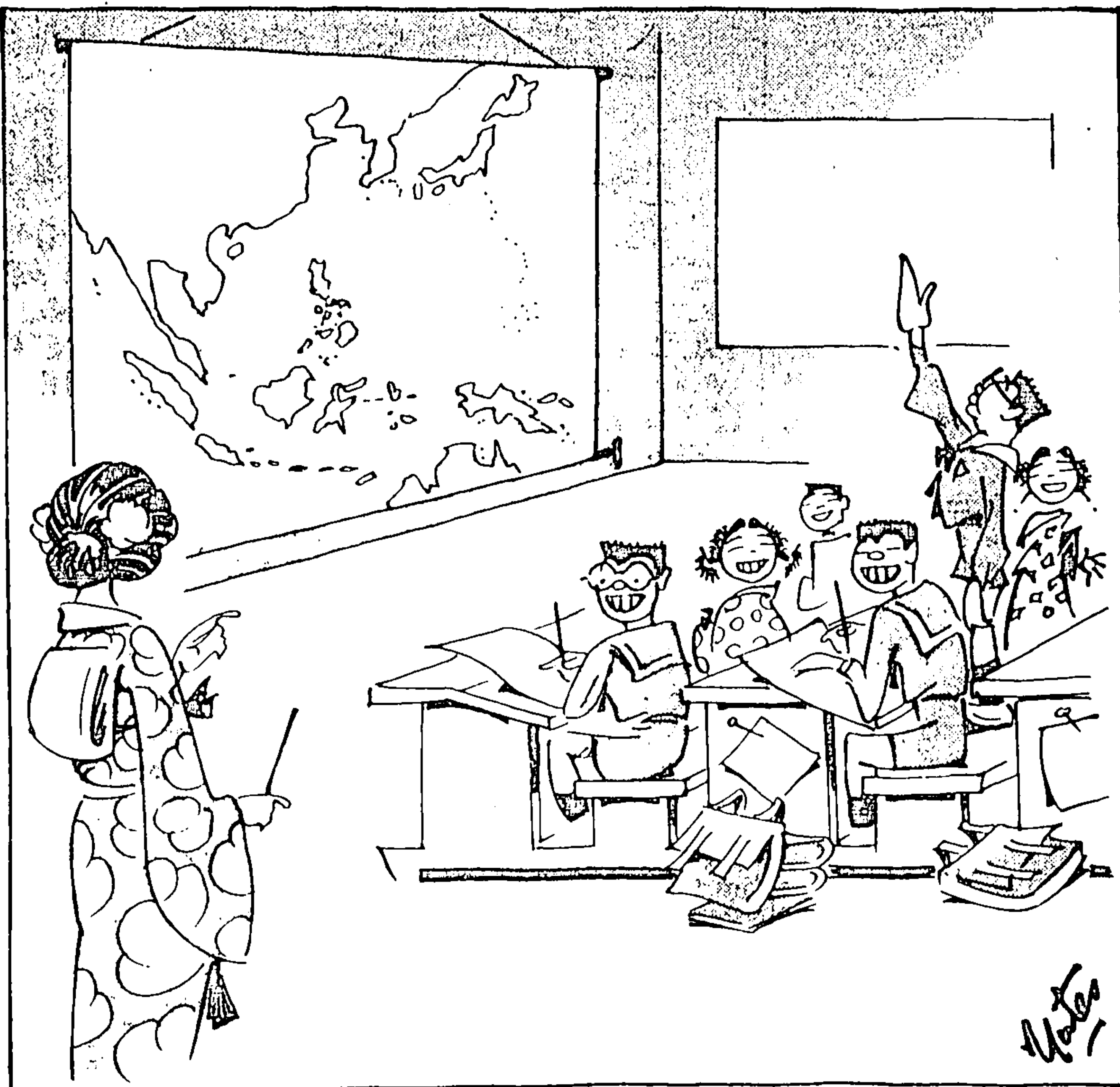
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NAZIS IN NORWAY

Fresh evidence of what happens to the people of a law-abiding and peaceful country when the German Army has crushed out organised resistance and the Nazi Gestapo has taken over control is supplied in the documents seized in the British raid on the Norwegian Lofoten Islands and summarised in a White Paper. All freedom has vanished in Norway. The Gestapo rules supreme, with the native police coerced into acting as its instrument. Gestapo authority is practically unlimited. It may forbid a Norwegian to practice his trade or profession, prohibit assemblies or judicial inquiries, suspend pensions, levy prices, or confiscate all a man's possessions and send him to gaol or to his death. Even the conquering army is instructed not to interfere with the new misrule. It may act only if called upon to enforce compliance with Gestapo edicts.

Yet careful reading of the documents reveals something more; something which German propaganda would hardly wish the world to know. Norwegians, despite close espionage and the severest regulations, are still fighting back as best they can. A letter of instruction to the German police complains of Norwegian unwillingness to accept domination and their set determination to remain anti-German. "At the critical moment," it says, "they pursue a deliberate policy of holding back and waiting to see in order to gain time." They make "only a pretence" of falling in with German policies—policies which would relegate them to the role of obedient serfs of their German masters. Their old organisations have been dissolved and prohibited, yet they refuse to go in under the petty Quislings and promoted traitors placed in authority over them. Wholesale arrests have failed to prevent sabotage; strikes do take place. Norwegian homesteaders refuse to take in Germans seeking lodgings and persist in boycotting the few pro-German Norwegians.

Nazism is finding it a tough job to remold this sturdy people to its pattern of subservience. There is evident in these papers an uneasiness as to what will happen in Norway when the tide turns against the whole dictatorial system.



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MENTA-SAN: PLEASE TEACHER, WE HAVEN'T YET READ THE MORNING PAPER.

Wind, Sand--- And War

"IN the Solum area our patrols were again active," says the Cairo communiqué. That does not tell much except that the war still is on in this burning waste of sand, rock and desert scrub through which runs the Libyan-Egyptian frontier, marked by Mussolini's barbed-wire fence. But behind such brief and vague communiqués is bravery and endurance in the midst of extreme physical hardship and ceaseless nervous strain which must be seen to be fully grasped.

Perhaps the nature of the fighting in this desert can best be understood if the setting is sketched first.

The Western Desert is one of the most disagreeable places which ever became the stage for a military campaign. It has none of the relieving beauty often found in the Sahara or our own South-western desert. Except along the Mediterranean shore where the turquoise waters break over jagged white rocks and roll in on sandy beach, as at Mersa Matruh, where ages ago Cleopatra used to go bathing with Antony, it is stark ugliness.

From Solum southeastward runs a ridge sharply dividing the coastal plain from the desert plateau. The only towns are sun-baked settlements paced along the railway which hugs the coast and highway, now badly marked by British naval guns, which carries on westward from the railroad at Mersa Matruh. After Mersa Matruh there is not a whole building among all these towns. They were utterly wrecked in last Winter's fighting.

On the escarpment—the desert plateau—there is nothing but hundreds of miles of dead plain. There is no water except from rare brackish wells, nothing to make human life possible. Even the Bedouins, who apparently could scratch out a living from the surface of the moon, have not tried to live much in this waste. Occasionally you encounter a herd of gazelles, which flourish in the barest desert, scorpions, and deadly little vipers—the asp, which Cleopatra put to her bosom. Little else is living.

This is the season of the Khamsin, that hot wind which sweeps northward from the depths of this desiccated plain and is as wilting as the breath from a furnace. It punishes and depresses. The Bedouins say that five days

of the Khamsin justify any one in murdering his wife.

The temperature usually is well over 100, and if the wind, as it often does at this season, kicks up a sand storm, it creates an inferno which it needs a Dante to describe. Sand, pulverised to the fineness of flour, gets into everything. It is septic and slight scratches become festering sores.

The detailed ordnance maps show place names on the escarpment, but these names usually indicate only a point where faint caravan tracks cross, perhaps the tomb of some Arab saint. There are a few fortresses built by the Italians, such as Capuzzo, which

are the scene of frequent patrol encounters, and Sofafi on the height at the edge of the escarpment.

Distances are staggering. From Cairo to Solum is 375 miles as the bomber flies. From Solum to Benghazi it is almost as far. From Benghazi to Tripoli it is nearly 600 miles. Over these vast expanses both the British and Axis generals must move men, munitions, food and water. So when you read that one side or the other advances, say, thirty miles, it means little.

Journeying from Cairo to the front you see British activity everywhere, but for military reasons little of it can be described here. Far out in the desert you come upon advanced headquarters so well hidden you might walk over it without knowing it. Deep below the ground officers pore over maps and order new dispositions for the men up forward as spluttering messages inform them of the shifting situation.

In another dugout a high R.A.F. commander plots the movements of his fliers on map. He is in almost minute-by-minute contact with them, now ordering a bombing squadron to go to the aid of some British column having a hard time, now dispatching fighters to shoot down and drive off German bombers punishing a British ground unit.

Further forward you call on the general who is directly commanding the British columns which are trying to counter the

German advance or carry the battle back to Mussolini. He lives in a trailer captured from some Italian general in the British offensive of last Winter. It is one of a number of widely dispersed vehicles standing in the open plain. In it the general has a bedding roll, a little table on which to work and an electric light. That is about all. His meals are brought from the cook tent some yards away.

The morale, courage and endurance of these British desert fighters are beyond praise. Many of them have been campaigning constantly for seven months without a day's rest or leave, through General Wavell's drive of last Winter clear to Benghazi, then back in that disappointing retreat, and now out here patrolling, harassing and defending the western approaches to Egypt. They admit that they are tired, but they remain cheery and uncompaining.

Here is what it is like when you reach the absolute front:

Our little party of two correspondents, a British conducting officer and a chauffeur, found the main body of the striking force of the campaign in a wide sandy plain at dusk after a strenuous day, during which, divided into three columns, they had driven the Axis forces from Egypt, all except one body which held out in Hellfire Pass—that two-mile winding gash near Solum which leads from the escarpment down to the coastal plain. The officers' mess was a lean-to tent, furnished with folding tables and chairs, pitched against the side of the cook rack. The cook was concocting a satisfying dinner from bully beef, canned salad and canned fruit, washed down with tea. Whisky and sodas were served in our honour.

The officers were tired; some of them were unshaven; most of them had not slept for forty-eight hours, and they did not know when they would sleep again, for they were to move out again that evening for another crack at the Germans. It was rather amusing to find the major of the famous Guards Regiment—those most smartly turned out officers in the world—with a two days' beard and circles of reddish mud around his mouth and eyes where he had rubbed his

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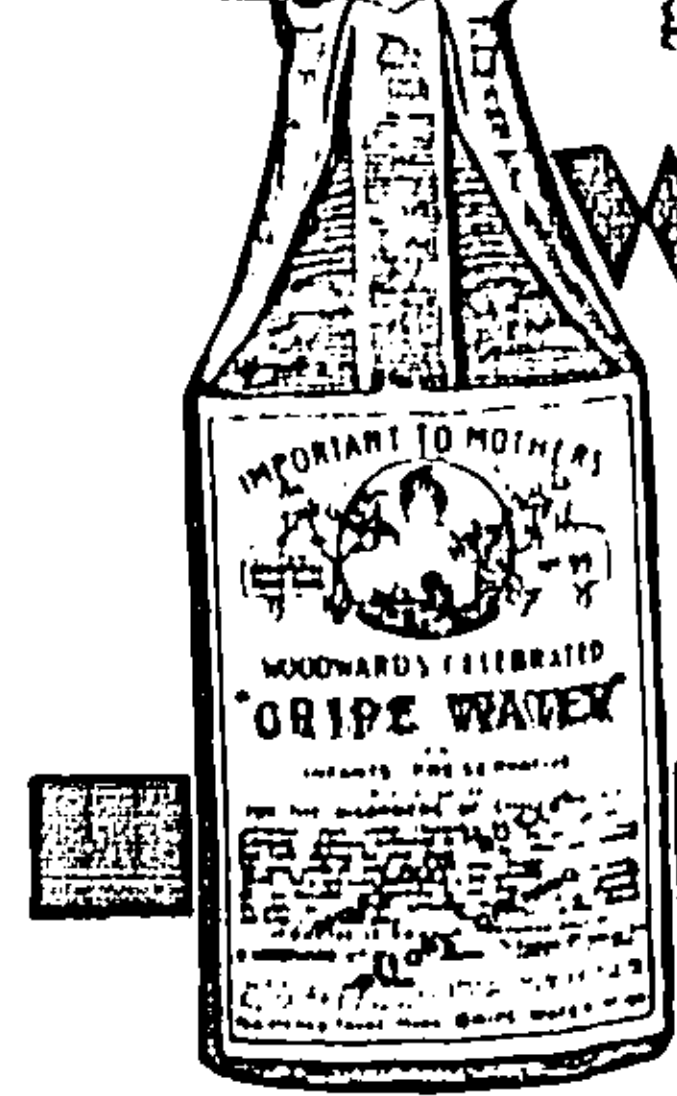
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Decision Waited By East Indies

WHILE THE PRELIMINARY STEPS IN THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA ARE UNDER WAY, WITH TRANSPORTS LANDING TROOPS, AND WITH THE JAPANESE TAKING OVER AIR BASES AND THE CAMRANH BAY BASE, THE CRISIS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE NEW JAPANESE MOVE IS MARKING TIME.

The Netherlands East Indies are confidently awaiting the decision of the Netherlands Government in London which, it is already announced, cannot view the Japanese action with equanimity.

No announcement has yet been made to implement any action parallel to the Anglo-American freezing of Japanese credits, but business quarters in Batavia feel that something may be expected.

Pending clarification of the issue, business quarters are expected to hesitate before entering into any new commitments when business opens again to-day after the week-end respite.

Although a certain tension coincides in Batavia with the black-

out which started yesterday, no nervousness whatever can be observed, and military preparations are being checked up as usual.

The Franco-Japanese agreement for the "joint defence" of French Indo-China will be discussed at a meeting of the Committee of the Japanese Privy Council to-day. It was learned in Tokyo yesterday.

The agreement is expected to be ratified this afternoon at a meeting held in the presence of the Emperor.

Meanwhile, advice to the Japanese was offered by the Finance Minister, Mr. Masatsune Ogura, during a newspaper interview yesterday in Tokyo.

He said: "The people must not be dismayed at the action by the United States in freezing Japanese assets but place all their faith in their own government." — Reuter.

Channel Fighter Battle

AN AIR ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE OVER THE DOVER STRAITS YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON.

A British Air Ministry communique states: "During an offensive patrol over the Straits yesterday afternoon our fighters engaged a formation of enemy fighters.

"One of the enemy was destroyed and several others severely damaged but were not seen to crash because of low clouds and therefore their destruction cannot be confirmed.

"One of our fighters is missing." — Reuter.

SURPRISE WHEELER STATEMENT

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The freezing order apparently has the whole-hearted support of the United States Congress.

Senator Wheeler, chief spokesman for the non-interventionist bloc, said that while he did not think it necessary to go to war with Japan, putting pressure on Japan might discourage further aggressive acts.

"For the first time I am in agreement with the President," he added.

Senator Claude Pepper, interventionist, said: "In dealing with the Japanese we can use no other language but force." — International News Service.

SHANGHAI EVACUATION RIDICULED

Reports that British nationals in Shanghai are preparing to evacuate the city are denied by responsible British quarters there, according to a dispatch received in Chungking.

These quarters, the dispatch says, characterise the reports as malicious propaganda and believe that Shanghai, as a metropolis of international character, will not be affected despite the present kaleidoscopic changes in the world situation. — Central News.

PRINCESS OF WALES

Can Princess Elizabeth become known as the Princess of Wales?

A committee of leading Welsh men and women wants to organise a petition, signed by everyone in the Principality, asking the King to confer that title upon the Princess.

Male Heir

They intend to approach Mr.



Lloyd George when the petition is prepared.

This would be the first time in history for the title to be held by a female in her own right; but the Welsh want the heir to the throne to be more closely linked with the Principality.

A sponsor of the idea said that when the Duke of Windsor held the title he did much for Wales. "The Princess," he added, "has become a firm favourite with the Welsh people, who presented her with a miniature Welsh cottage some time ago."

A legal expert's view is that the title of Prince of Wales could only be conferred on a male heir to the throne, who may yet be born, and the title of Princess of Wales would go to his wife if he were to marry before succeeding to the throne.



Admiral Muselier, the French Admiral, recently paid a visit to a Naval establishment, "somewhere in Britain" where he inspected French contingents. Photo shows Admiral Muselier (centre) taking the salute.

DRAMATIC SOVIET ACCOUNT OF GERMAN DEBACLE

THE FOLLOWING DETAILS are given in a Soviet communique issued in Moscow last night of the annihilation by the Red Army of a German infantry division.

"One of the Fascist divisions newly arrived on the front launched an offensive against our troops. The commander of our formation decided to hold this division and to encircle it in order to wipe it out completely.

"At the end of the first day the Germans no longer offered resistance to the energetic attack of our troops, they were compelled to adopt defensive tactics and dig themselves in.

"At that moment tanks and mechanised infantry completed the encirclement of the enemy.

"Early in the morning squadrons of Soviet bombers flew over the German divisions. Hundreds of bombs were dropped on the Fascists.

Inevitable Fate

"The enemy brought their artillery into action, employing anti-tank and other guns, and made a desperate attempt to break through the encirclement, but everywhere they encountered artillery and machine-gun fire.

"Our anti-tank guns destroyed 20 German tanks and light armoured cars.

"Several frontal attacks were launched by the Germans, in an attempt to save the division from its inevitable fate, but all were repulsed with enormous losses to the enemy and the fire and resistance of the encircled division weakened every hour.

"At the end of the second day's fighting our troops assumed the offensive. Our tanks units annihilated remnants of enemy batteries and machine-guns, and our tanks and brave infantrymen hurled themselves against units of the German infantry division.

Crushed Under Tanks

"Tanks, going at full speed, crushed and machine-gunned

at point-blank range the Fascist soldiers.

"According to preliminary reports 4,000 German officers and soldiers found their graves on the field of battle. Our stretcher bearers picked up about 3,000 and some hundreds wounded.

"A large number of prisoners was taken, and several dozen tanks, a large number of lorries and motor cycles, 40 anti-tank guns, 12 heavy guns and eight light guns, and 20 mine-throwers were destroyed.

"The rest of the annihilated division fled in panic." — Reuter.

80 'PLANES BATTER CHENG TU

CHENG TU, YESTERDAY WAS SUBJECTED TO A DEVASTATING RAID BY OVER 80 JAPANESE PLANES WHICH RAINED SEVERAL HUNDRED BOMBS ON THE SOUTH-WESTERN AND NORTH-WESTERN PARTS OF THE CITY.

Santal, north-east of Chengtu, and nearby points were also severely attacked. The extent of damage done is being investigated.

Flying from their base in western Hupeh, the raiders penetrated Chengtu about 11.40 a.m. and bombed the city for a considerable time. — Central News.

CANADIAN SUPPLY OF BRITAIN

The rapid increase in Canada's exports of war materials and food to Great Britain and her allies was emphasised in a statement in Ottawa yesterday by the Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. James A. Machinnon.

Canada's export trade increased by 30 per cent, in June, and there was a similar increase for the first six months of the present year over the same period of last year.

Exports to the United Kingdom, during the first six months, increased by 28 per cent, and to the United States by 33 per cent. The increase to the Straits Settlements was 72 per cent, while that to the Netherlands East Indies had recently been doubled, and exports to the Philippines were up by 33 per cent. — Reuter.

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BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES —NO. 49

By The Four Aces

"Here's one for your swindle column," contributes a Chicago reader. "The hand was played in the World Bridge Olympic:

West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 9 6
♥ Q J 4
♦ K Q J 10 6 3
♣ 2
WEST
♠ 7 4
♥ K 9 7 6
♦ 2
♣ J 9 6 5 4 3
EAST
♠ A 5 2
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A 9 8
♣ Q 10 8 7
SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 8 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A K

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

"The plan was for South to play the hand at four spades, which only very good defence could beat. The actual contract of three no-trump should have been beaten rather badly, but a swindle brought it home.

"West opened the five of clubs, East's Queen forcing out South's King. South then led a diamond to dummy's King, and East decided not to win the trick. Dummy continued with the Queen of diamonds and East played low once more.

"But now nine tricks were in sight. Declarer abandoned the diamonds, much to East's chagrin. Spades were attacked. East taking the Ace and returning a club. South took the club Ace and ran four spades and a heart in addition to the two clubs and two diamonds already won. Was East's face red?"

A rather neat swindle, but East really should have seen it coming. East should have won the first diamond trick and returned a club. He could tell that South could win only five diamonds, probably two clubs, and about one heart before surrendering the lead again. If South had three club stoppers or both the Ace and King of hearts, there was probably no way of defeating the contract.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 4
♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ K 8 3
♣ Q 7 6 2

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenker You Moler
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
2♦ Pass 2NT Pass
3♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Pass. You have told your story and your partner has refused to take encouragement.

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dust-covered face with his perspiring hand. And water too precious to be wasted washing.

Despite the primitive conditions the atmosphere of that mess was much what you find in a club in Pall Mall. It reminded one of the polished courtesy of the officers in that dugout in "Journey's End."

Somehow every correspondent who has been among front-line troops, whether in frozen Finland or burning Egypt, has had the feeling that it was a scene from a play rather than reality. So it seemed at this desert meal in the lull of the fighting.

Dinner was brief and immediately afterward we motored with the column leaders to H.Q.—simply a radio truck in which the officer commanding the forces on the escarpment lived, worked and travelled. His home was a bunk alongside the radio.

We sat in the sand beside the radio truck while the commanding officer marked a map and outlined for each commander his mission. He asked each how he intended to carry it out and sometimes suggested modifications. Again it all seemed unreal. This

If he were interested in a game, he could bid three no-trump or four diamonds. Failure to make either of these strong bids indicates that he has a minimum hand which is ill-suited to no-trump play.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for four diamonds, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 779

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable you hold:

♠ A Q 10 3 2
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 7
♣ A 10 5

The bidding:
You Schenker Burnstone Moler
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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was a battle being planned, yet with absolutely no fuss.

He returned to the main camp, which meanwhile was packing up. After dark we marched—long lines of armoured cars, radio cars, Bren gun carriers, trucks and motorised artillery.

Again it was a stage show and unreality. In the dim moonlight our unlighted vehicles, rocking over the hummocks, seemed more like a fleet at sea than British soldiers going out to meet the Germans. Still it seemed like a play when a radio car swerved toward the command car with a pink field message giving the news that seven German tanks which had come through the barrier were now in the area we must cross.

We did not see those tanks, but they saw us, for at midnight when we paused for a rest before a dawn attack the tanks came up, took a few ineffective pot shots at us, then raced away when the British guns replied.

But the mission of this British desert force was to fail that day, for morning brought a raging sandstorm which reduced visibility to a few yards. The desert becomes an eerie place in such a storm, for the goggled men you dimly see walking about through the swirling sand look like shapes seen by a diver at the bottom of the sea.

The British force had split up into three columns for the dawn attack, but the Germans eluded them in the storm. One artillery unit which had taken up a position a few hundred yards ahead to guard the trail had the worst fortune. German armoured cars—fast, powerful, hard-hitting affairs—came upon this unit and, before the British could see whether they were friendly or hostile, poured in a volley which destroyed one gun and set the truck afire, mortally burning two men. Then it disappeared unharmed.

The lieutenant who brought back the remaining vehicles and the dying men was grief-stricken. There was a simple burial in the sand.

That is what "our patrols were again active" means. It is mechanised guerilla warfare. When on the offensive the tactics are practically identical but on a far larger scale, and a column which meets an enemy does not hit and run away but tries to annihilate him.



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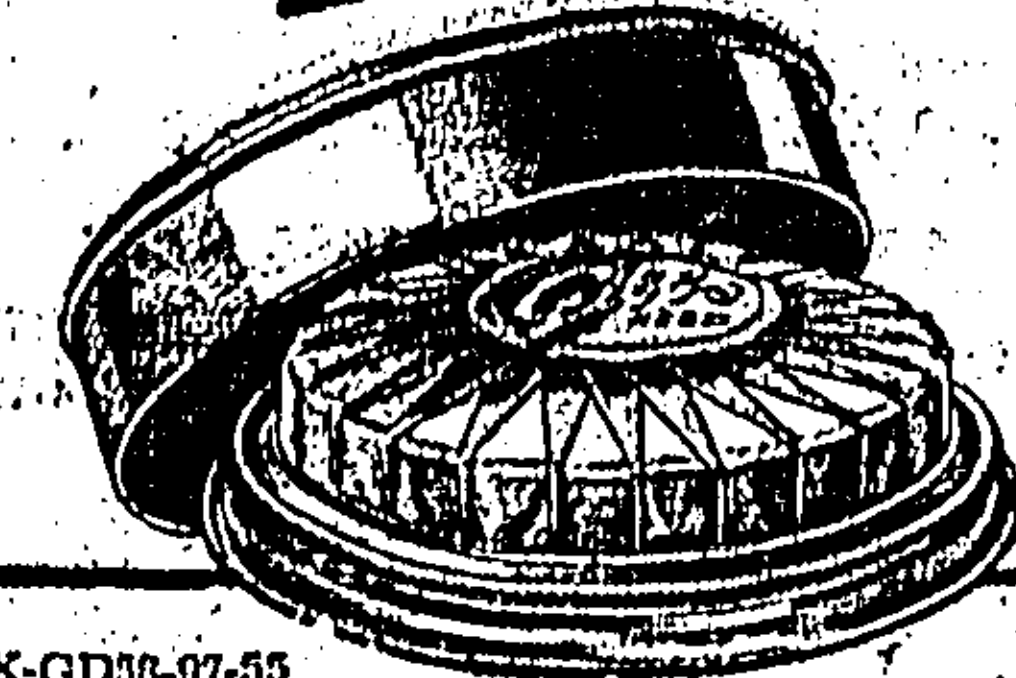
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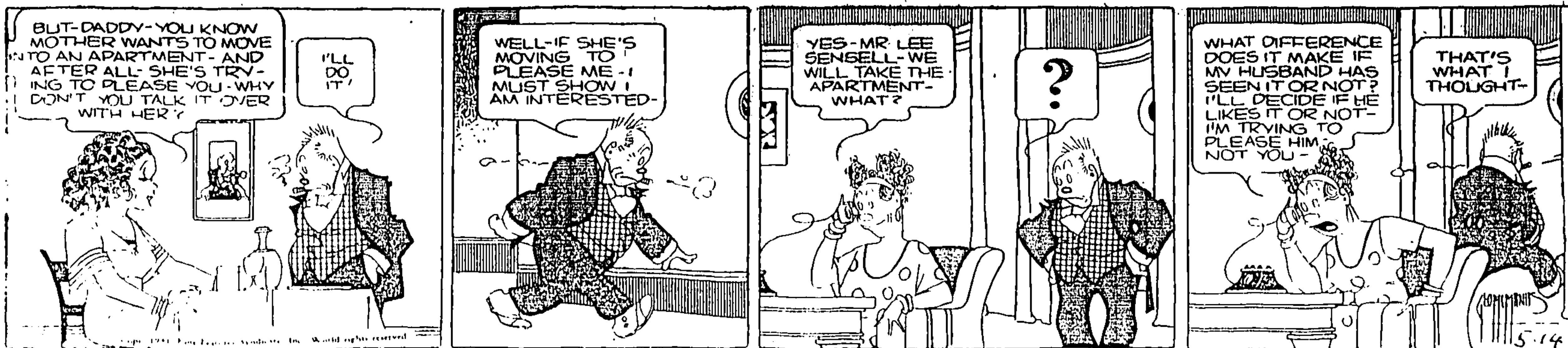
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Youthful Skin: Frequent Soapings

The young lady who ducks under a quick shower without a bar of soap, after exercising, is flitting with a blemished skin.

During summer, when the pores are open and discharging wastes from the body more freely, good skin soapings and thorough clear water rinsings are essential to keep body and face skin soft and lovely.

Young girls are inclined to be a bit casual, let us say in preference to neglectful, about the care of their skins when the weather is hot. It's so easy to take a cat wash and put on a fresh lipstick and call the chore finished. But how wretched they feel when a big party comes along and their skins are blemished and unattractive. Life has a way of playing such tricks on us, if we are not diligent, and many a summer romance has been ripped in the bud because a young girl was indifferent too long about her beauty.

A Good Routine

Youthful skins can stand a thorough shampoo with bland soap suds and a clean face cloth, or face mitt, twice a day. Once upon arising and again late in the afternoon or before going to bed. Between times a cream cleansing and mild tonic are in order to remove grime, and tired make-up — but at night and morning let a good bar of soap bring beauty and freshness to your face.

I want to stress too, the importance of keeping your beauty aids immaculate. Every single day you should use a fresh face cloth, fresh absorbent cotton with which to powder, fresh cotton for using a liquid skin freshener, clean towels and brushes and combs. Be certain that you change your vanity puff, and rouge puff every day too. You can buy enough to last a month or two in a package for a few pennies and indeed they are a grand investment in a clear skin.

Keep your cosmetics in a drawer or cabinet — out of the way of summer dust. Get into the habit of swishing your brush



Fresh herbal cleansing cream, mild skin freshener and lettuce-bland soap, are an intelligent selection for summer skin care.

and comb through sudsy water after you have finished with them. They collect a lot of grime from your hair you know, and it doesn't make sense to brush and comb it back on your hair the next day, does it?

Hair needs more frequent washings during summer too especially if you swim often. But try to use only one good soaping and rinse very well. Let it dry out in the air and sun and brush it every day to keep it as clean as possible between shampoos.

These little grooming details will quickly become unconscious habits after the first week or two.

Cookery Corner

CREAM OF POTATO—Take four or five potatoes. Peel and wash in cold water. Cut into thick slices. Cover with cold water. Add salt and pepper.

Allow to come to the boil then let it simmer, adding a little cold water from time to time, just enough to keep the potatoes from burning.

The soup will be cooked when the potatoes have fallen to bits and become quite soft. Length of time depends on the potatoes used.

Potatoes that have pinkish skins and very white insides are the nicest flavoured ones for this soup.

When cooked mash through sieve with a wooden spoon. Make sure that no hard lump of potato remains. Return to saucepan.

Add a pint of cold milk, stirring until it comes to the boil. Serve immediately.

Beat the yoke of one egg well and stir into your soup just before serving.

Do not let the egg cook in the soup. It is best to remove the soup from fire just as you stir it in.

This quantity is sufficient for two persons.

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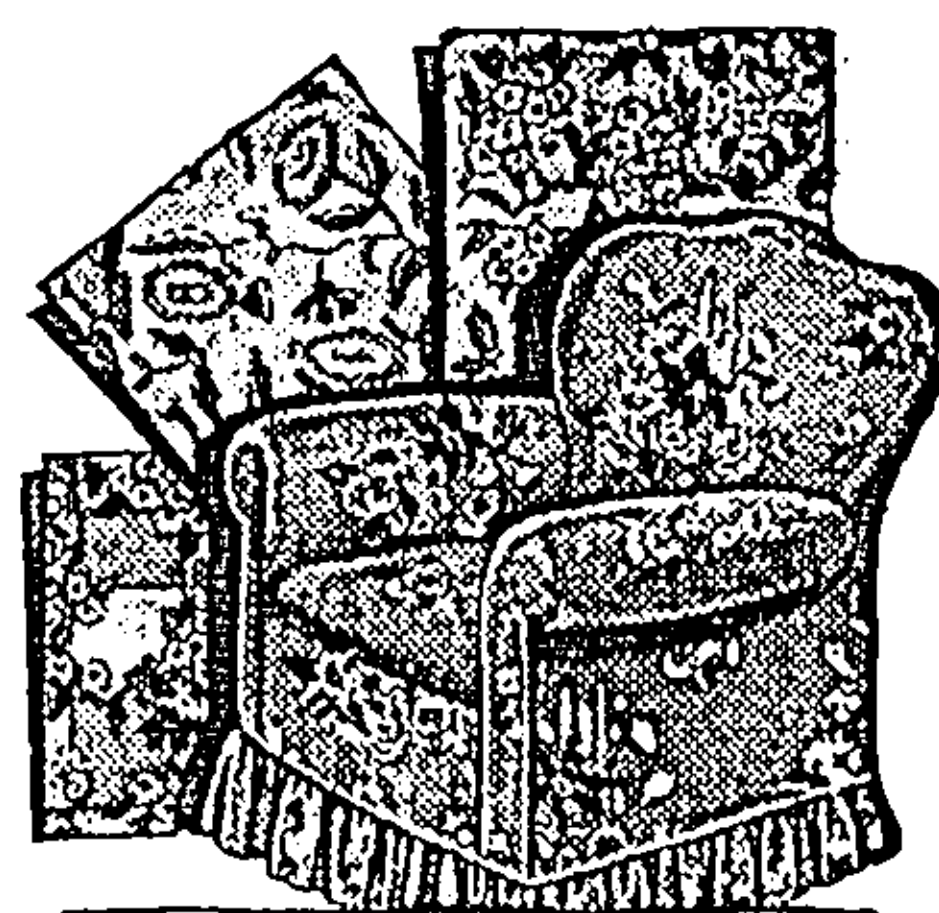
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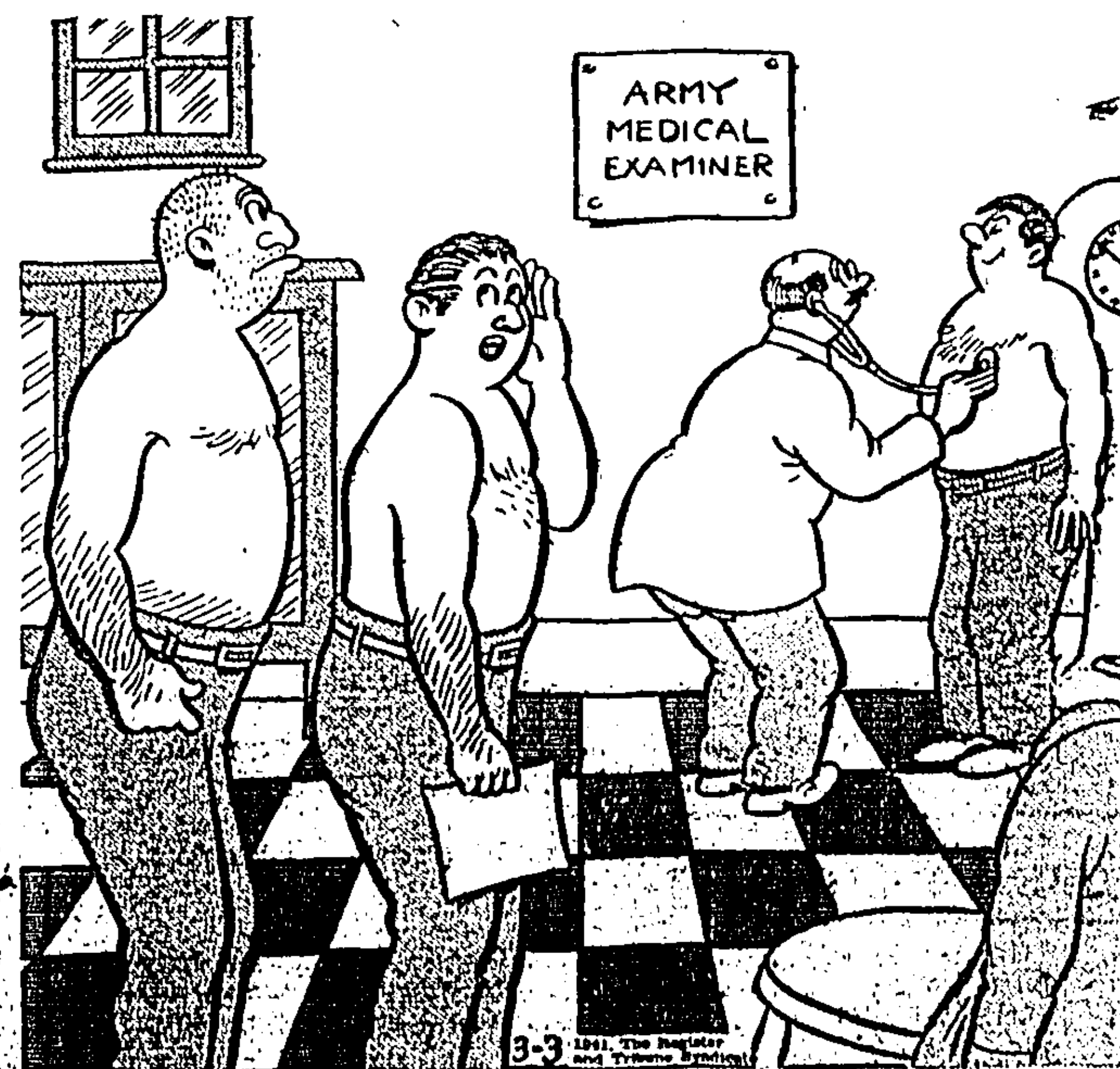
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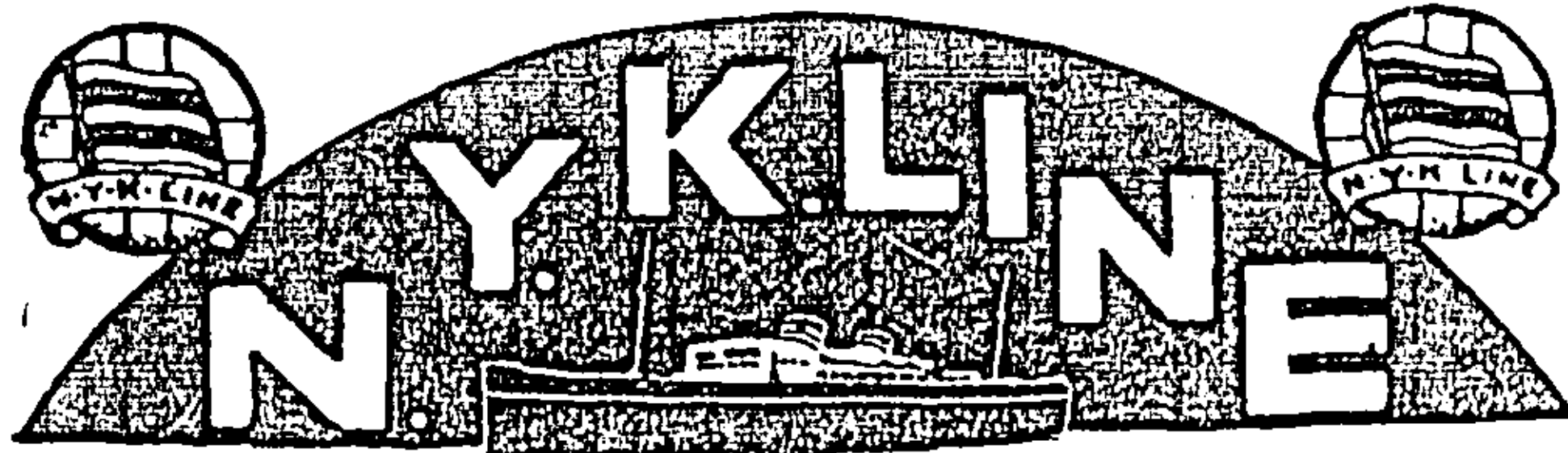
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WEEK-END CRICKET IN ENGLAND

Bowlers had the advantage in the main Cricket games on Saturday.

Army and Air Force met at Southend, where Army were dismissed for 127. Army lost half their wickets for only 40 runs and then seven wickets for 97, but bright batting by Major S. C. Griffith (59) retrieved the situation slightly. The Airmen had scored 53 for two when stumps were drawn.

London Counties sent a side to Tonbridge to meet the O. D. Tonbridgeians who, however, did not get a chance to bat after their opponents had declared with 209 for eight wickets. Leslie Compton hit a grand 61 for the Counties, who promised a bigger score until R. Bousfield, a leg-break bowler, dismissed five men in ten overs for 46 runs.

On the first day of a two-day game at Aldershot, an Air Force team, led by Arthur Gilligan, former England captain, dismissed an Aldershot side for 71. D. J. Judge, Glamorgan fast bowler, claimed seven victims for 37 runs, Denis Compton being among them when he was caught before scoring. Reuter

K.D.R.C. BOWLS TOURNAMENT DRAWS

Following are the draws for the lawn bowls tournaments at Kowloon Dock Recreation Club:

First Round:—W. C. K. Mackie v W. Houston, R. H. Lapsley v T. Coleman, W. Greig v R. Morrison, J. McKelvie v A. Pearson, H. H. Williams v J. Revie, J. McPherson v W. Forsyth.
Byes into Second Round:—W. D. McMaster v F. Cullen, J. V. Ramsay v T. Mason, G. Henderson v A. Calman, R. Lapsley v M. Ferguson, W. Williamson v C. S. M. Thom.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
First Round:—J. McKelvie and W. D. McMaster (—2) v F. Cullen and C. S. M. Thom (—3); R. Morrison and C. R. Logan (—1) v W. Greig and W. C. K. Mackie (—2); A. Lapsley and H. H. Williams (—1) v A. Calman and G. Henderson (—1); V. Ramsay and T. Mason (—1) v R. Lapsley and A. Pearson (—2).

Byes into Second Round:—T. Coleman and W. Williamson (scr.) v M. Ferguson and J. McPherson (—1); W. Houston and J. Revie (scr.) v R. H. Lapsley and J. Kempton (scr.).

BAPCO SHIELD
First Round:—W. Williamson v W. D. McMaster, W. C. K. Mackie v R. Lapsley, M. Ferguson v A. W. Lapsley, J. McKelvie v T. Coleman, A. Calman v R. H. Lapsley, A. Pearson v J. V. Ramsay, C. S. M. Thom v C. R. Logan, W. Greig v W. Houston.
Byes into Second Round:—G. Henderson v J. McPherson, J. Kempton v T. Mason, R. Morrison v W. Forsyth, J. Revie v F. Cullen.

Attention, owned by Mrs. Parker Corning, won the £15,000 Arlington Classic yesterday at Chicago by scoring a win by one length over the favorite, Whittaker, the champion of the American turf for 1941. Bushwhacker was third. There were five starters.—Reuter.

The horses which have been entered for the St. Lever had a try-out in the mile and half Sarum Stakes on Saturday. Mr. Dawson's Mazarin won the race by three-quarters of a length from the 11 to 10 on favourite, Thoroughfare, with Fettes another length and a half away, third. In a mile and six furlongs handicap, Lord Astor's eight-year-old Bookseller, carrying ten pounds penalty, ran courageously to a dead-heat with the hot favourite, Betelnut.—Reuter.

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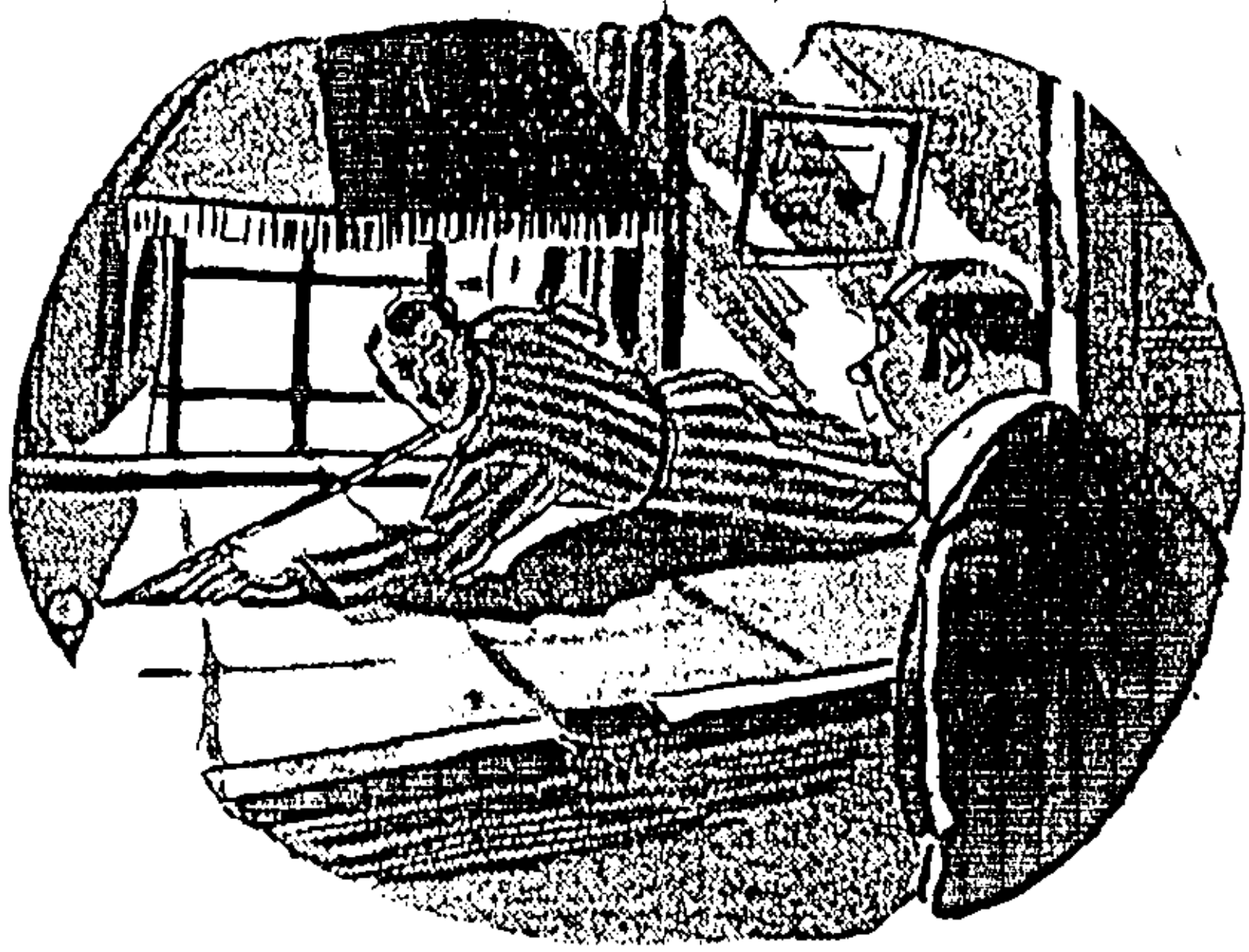
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
First Round:—A. S. Bliss v R. H. A. Lapsley, J. P. White v T. Coleman, B. Maher v G. Newhouse and M. Ozorio v J. B. Sturgeon.

HANDICAP SINGLES
First Round:—R. H. A. Lapsley (—40) v C. S. M. Thom (—30); V. Ramsay (scr.) v J. Kempton (—30); A. Lapsley

(—30 2/6) v J. Sturgeon (—30); W. Tillery (—30) v B. Maher (—15) and W. Forsyth (scr.) v J. P. White (—30).
Byes into Second Round:—G. Newhouse (—15) v A. S. Bliss (—30 3/6) and M. Ozorio (—15 3/6) v R. H. A. Lapsley (—40) or C. S. M. Thom (—30).

At Causeway Bay yesterday, Western Depot, Immigration Office, beat Head Office by 4 goals to 1 in a friendly football match which was played under most unfavourable weather and ground conditions, the rain that fell during the game making ball control almost impossible.





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"A remarkably fine shot, Sir. Have you been taking lessons?"

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"Yes, Sir. Of course, Sir."

"I admit, Hawkins, that a billiard table looks a trifle raffish before breakfast—green baize is essentially nocturnal."

"Yes, Sir. Essentially nocturnal, Sir."

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TRIAD MAN GETS SIX MONTHS

"The police in Hong Kong are like running dogs," was alleged to have been uttered by Chan Yan-kwong, 22, who was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for being a member of a Triad Society.

According to Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, accused made the above statement in a tea-house in Shanghai Street on Saturday morning to some friends, who wanted to join the newly-formed Street Guards. A Chinese detective overheard the conversation and arrested accused.

At the police station, accused admitted that he was member of Wo On Lok Triad Society.

BARBERS IN AN ARGUMENT

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, Yu Fung-choi, 28, barber, was charged with giving false information to the Police, and with assaulting Chan Yuk-siu, barber on Saturday.

Inspector Tuckett said that accused met Chan in Centre Street and in an argument, he struck complainant with a hammer. When the Police arrived accused alleged that complainant had stolen \$18 from him on July 20. At the Police Station, accused, however, admitted that the allegation was false.

A fine of \$100, or six weeks' hard labour, was imposed on the first count, accused being cautioned on the second charge.

DICE GAME SPOILED

A sum of \$112.65, seized in the course of a raid on a gambling den, was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Two alleged keepers, each on \$75 bail, and 14 gamblers, each on \$5 bail, failed to appear in Court and had their bail money forfeited.

The gambling den was on the second floor of No. 137, Kwei Lin Street. A dice game was being played when police raided the premises on Saturday.

GUNPOWDER FOUND BY POLICE

A fine of \$50 was imposed on a merchant, Kwan Yu-sing, of No. 166, Des Voeux Road Central, first floor, by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, for possession of a quantity of gunpowder.

According to Detective Sergeant W. Summers, defendant had no permit for storing the fire-crackers and gunpowder which were found in the premises in the course of a police raid.

GERMAN PROTEST

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The German Ambassador to Argentina, Herr von Therman, has lodged a protest against police raids on Nazi organisations in Buenos Aires. — International News Service.

CUBANS FAVOUR SOVIETS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] Twenty-five thousand Cubans demonstrated in the streets of Havana yesterday carrying banners urging recognition of and aid to Soviet Russia. — International News Service.

NON-AERATED DRINKS

For selling non-aerated drinks on a ferry on Saturday, So To-sang was fined \$5 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Compositions of Maurice Ravel.
7.30 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
8.00 p.m.—London—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.
8.20 p.m.—London—Listening Post.
Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra with Gertyde Lawrence (Soprano).
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.05 p.m.—Variety Programme.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (On Short Wave Only).
9.45 p.m.—Plane Duets by Young and Forsythe.
10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
11.00 p.m.—London—News from Home—H. Marshall.
11.15 p.m.—Close Down

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Wire rope, valued at \$650, was stolen from the Kowloon Docks, during the Black-Out Exercise on Tuesday.

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R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	12	8	0	4	276	214	62	0	16
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	10	7	1	2	226	193	33	0	15
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	11	7	1	3	238	172	66	0	15
C. S. Rossetti (C.C.C.)	9	7	0	2	233	127	106	0	14
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	10	7	0	3	217	185	32	0	14
A. P. Guterres (Rec. "B")	10	7	0	3	200	182	18	0	14
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	11	7	0	4	221	175	46	0	11
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	11	6	2	3	224	202	22	0	14
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	10	6	0	4	226	197	29	0	12
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	10	6	0	4	193	198	0	5	12
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	8	5	1	2	182	161	21	0	11
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	9	5	0	4	169	177	0	8	10
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	4	0	5	161	157	4	0	8
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	184	198	0	14	8
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	186	202	0	16	8
J. Basto (Rec. "B")	10	4	0	6	186	202	0	16	8
A. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	12	4	0	8	225	268	0	43	8
T. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	6	3	0	3	110	104	6	0	6
H. A. Alves (Recreio "A")	3	3	0	0	82	43	39	0	6
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	12	3	0	9	196	288	0	92	6
N. J. Bebbington (K.C.C.)	5	2	1	2	102	92	10	0	5
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	10	2	1	7	171	220	0	49	5
A. M. Calman (K.D.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	71	56	15	0	4
P. A. Peckham (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	2	0	1	53	48	5	0	4
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	79	73	6	0	4
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	4	1	2	1	80	83	0	3	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	7	1	2	4	109	140	0	31	4
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	2	0	7	145	209	0	64	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
J. S. Landolt (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	33	9	24	0	2
C. A. Lopes (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	32	9	23	0	2
J. F. V. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	1	1	0	0	28	12	16	0	2
L. J. Silva (Recreio "B")	2	1	0	1	21	40	0	19	2
J. W. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	25	47	0	22	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2
M. Ferguson (K.D.R.C.)	5	1	0	4	82	111	0	29	2
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	107	130	0	23	2
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	73	180	0	107	2
J. C. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	7	1	0	6	114	170	0	56	2
J. E. Noronha (Recreio "B")	1	0	0	1	13	19	0	6	0
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	7	0
W. McNeill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	11	29	0	18	0
C. M. Silva (Recreio "B")	2	0	0	2	35	47	0	12	0
E. Souza (Recreio)	2	0	0	2	25	48	0	23	0
W. Greig (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	23	60	0	37	0
E. W. Simmonds (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	41	84	0	43	0
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	4	0	0	4	64	95	0	31	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K. Tong)	8	7	0	1	203	135	68	0	14
P. Youngusband (K.F.C.)	8	7	0	1	175	117	58	0	14
J. L. Stephens (K. Tong)	8	6	1	1	190	136	54	0	13
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	9	6	0	3	219	184	35	0	12
W. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	11	5	1	5	221	201	20	0	11
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	5	5	0	0	139	82	57	0	10
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	8	5	0	3	168	141	27	0	10
G. E. Costello (H.K.C.C.)	8	5	0	3	175	150	25	0	10
W. Melrose (T.C.)	7	5	0	2	146	129	17	0	10
C. Gowland (P.O.C.)	9	5	0	4	205	153	52	0	10
O. P. Remedios (Recreio)	8	4	1	3	138	157	0	19	9
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	6	4	0	2	125	98	27	0	8
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	9	4	0	5	161	174	0	13	8
E. Kern (K.F.C.)	4	3	0	1	84	78	6	0	6
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	5	3	0	2	112	84	28	0	6
K. S. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	115	88	27	0	6
J. C. Chalmers (T.C.)	6	3	0	3	124	109	15	0	6
F. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)	7	3	0	4	135	139	0	4	6
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	7	3	0	4	124	140	0	16	6
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	8	3	0	5	157	186	0	29	6
W. J. Howard (K. Tong)	5	2	1	2	116	87	29	0	5
A. Steven (K.C.C.)	8	2	1	5	134	191	0	57	5
A. Spary (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2	0	1	60	55	5	0	4
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	85	69	16	0	4
A. Jilott (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	69	94	0	25	4
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	95	99	0	4	4
J. McCutcheon (P.O.C.)	5	2	0	3	82	106	0	24	4
J. A. Remedios (Recreio)	6	2	0	4	108	117	0	9	4
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	69	42	27	0	4
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	10	2	0	8	153	238	0	85	4
L. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	4	1	1	2	73	87	0	14	3
M. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	19	2	0	2
T. Fergusson (K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	41	33	8	0	2
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	3	1	0	2	58	69	0	11	2
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	70	98	0	28	2
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	5	1	0	4	78	118	0	40	2
J. A. Watson (T.C.)	7	1	0	6	91	178	0	87	2
J. R. Soares (Recreio)	8	1	0	7	137	221	0	84	2
T. F. Stalton (T.C.)	1	0	0	1	21	25	0	4	0
R. R. Davies (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	24	0	9	0
L. Jack (K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	25	0	9	0
J. A. R. Selby (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	10	23	0	13	0
H. V. Pearce (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	8	7	0	1	186	134	52	0	14
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	11	7	0	4	229	199	30	0	14
J. C. Altken (P.R.C.)	8	6	1	1	208	119	89	0	13
H. Nleh (K.B.G.C.)	10	6	1	3	224	173	51	0	13
S. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	11	6	1	4	228	202	26	0	13
C. Wallis (K.B.G.C.)	7	6	0	1	170	97	73	0	12
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	11	6	0	5	208	199	9	0	11
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	8	5	0	3	179	113	66	0	11
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	0	3	169	149	20	0	10
A. C. Madar (I.R.C.)	9	4	1	4	174	155	18	0	9
G. S. Graver (H.K.F.C.)	9	4	1	4	190	192	0	2	9
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	6	4	0	2	134	118	16	0	8
L. de Rome (H.K.F.C.)	9	4	0	5	157	170	5	0	8
B. A. Mansel (H.K.F.C.)	9	4	0	5	175	170	5	0	8
P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	11	4	0	7	202	247	0	45	8
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	84	73	11	0	6
J. Rajato (H.K.F.C.)	4	3	0	1	84	75	9	0	6
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	5	3	0	2	141	83	58	0	6
J. F. Lunny (H.K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	97	102	0	5	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	86	90	0	13	6

Collings And Low Win

In the Final of the First Summer Foursomes at the Happy Valley golf course yesterday, T. B. Low and R. K. Collings beat W. J. Buller and A. L. Powell 3 and 2 over 18 holes. Golfers will be interested to learn that the Course was flooded and a new hole had to be "sunk" in the first green as the old one was under water!

Collings and Low, conceding 5 to their opponents, lost the first two holes but they steadied down after that and at the turn were 1 up, winning finally by 3 and 2. Collings was the best player on view and played excellent golf. His partner was steady, while Buller and Powell, after a good start, fell off considerably.

FOURSOMES RESULTS

Following are the results of First Round matches in the Second Summer Foursomes of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Happy Valley. A McKellar (6) and F. Hillon (17) beat R. Stock (15) and G. W. Sewell (11) 4/3. Lloyd and Humphreys v N. J. Bebbington and G. Gellatly not played. T. B. Low (11) and R. K. Collings (6) beat A. V. Greaves (11) and D. J. Valentine (12) 4/3. G. E. Whetton (12) and T. J. Price (6) beat A. J. MacFadden (16) and A. W. Muir (14) 4/2. D. Wass (12) and J. W. MacDonald (7) beat K. S. Robertson (5) and R. S. W. Patterson (12) 1 up. H. H. Mundy (9) and W. Stoker (13) beat H. Smith (8) and E. Greenwood (18) 3/2. J. A. D. Morrison and F. D. Hunter received a walk-over from F. C. Barry and W. Ahern.

FOOTBALL IN INDIA

The Indian Football Association team of Bengal annexed the "San Toshi" Memorial trophy in the Inter-Provincial Football Tournament at Calcutta yesterday, defeating Delhi in the Final by 5 goals to 1.—Reuter.

The three-day exhibition charity swimming gala, sponsored by Chung Shing Benevolent Society, held at their Kennedy Town bathing beach, was brought to a conclusion last night. Among the swimmers who took part in the final evening's programme were A. K. Rumjahn, L. Roza-Pereira, Charles Huang, Ng Nin and the Misses Lily Sadick, Ko Muling and Ho Wai-king.

Mr. Lau King-ling, chairman of the Hong Kong branch of the Kwangtung War Relief Commission, is arranging a three-day swimming gala to be held at Chung Shing Bathing Pavilion, Kennedy Town, on August 16, 17, 18, commencing at 8 p.m. each evening. There will also be a lantern display in connection with the competitions in which it is understood, most of the Colony's leading Chinese swimmers will take part.

J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	130	123	7	0	6
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	7	3	0	4	128	134	0	6	6
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	8	3	0	5	136	143	0	7	6
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
L. A. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	47	34	13	0	4
A. Niesim (H.K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	61	61	0	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
M. F. Pinna (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	93	117	0	24	4
M. F. Alarcon (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	89	102	0	13	4
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	29	18	11	0	2
A. G. Sufflad (I.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	18	5	0	2
W. A. Cornell (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
B. J. Lacom (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	0	2
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	36	0	1	2
M. R. Pinna (Recreio)	2	1	0	1	36	42	0	6	2
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	42	52	0	10	2
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	44	0	14	2
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	65	65	0	0	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	67	68	0	1	2
T. Fergusson (K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	59	67	0	8	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
S. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	61	78	0	27	2
J. K. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	110	162	0	52	2
L. E. Lammert (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	17	0	2	0
Y. Abbae (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	18	0	4	0
E. A. Atkin (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	5	0
M. Mendonca (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	12	19	0	7	0
C. Dowman (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	24	0	11	0
F. K. Modi (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	29	0	11	0
M. Gutierrez (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	15	28	0	13	0
R. A. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	20	0	16	0
A. G. Gardner (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	10	26	0	16	0
A. F. Noronha (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	31	0
P. S. Cassidy (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	28	40	0	21	0
A. S. Mitcheil (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	24	45	0	12	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	24	50	0	22	0
R. C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	80	0	23	0
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	55	0	25	0
A. F. Pauli (H.K.E.R.C.)	4	0	0	4	46	108	0	62	0
A. McKellar (H.K.C.C.)	6	0	0	0	86	154	0	68	0

H.K.R.A. SUMMER POSTAL LEAGUE RESULTS TITLE FOR RIGGS

Results returned for the second period of the Summer Postal League show a definite improvement in the standard of marksmanship, the number of teams in the First Division which returned scores under 300 being eleven, as against 21 in the first period.

The Police "A" team again produced the highest score with 360 against the 2nd/14th Punjab Regiment "A". The 5th/7th Rajput Regiment "E" and "A" teams are improving rapidly, however, and returned 351 and 349 respectively. The highest individual Open Sight scores of the period were Sgt Lunnford (Middlesex "C") 97, Cpl Naranjan Singh (Police "A") 93, Sgt Puran Singh (Police "A") 93, ASI P. H. Thong (H.K.P. Res.) 93, twice, Sgt Wall (Police "A") 92, C.S.M. Milne (Royal Scots "D") 92, 92, 1/Lt. Abdul Rahman (Rajput "E") 92.

Scores in the Aperture Sight Leagues have not improved, the highest score for the period ended July 20 being made by Police "B" with 385 against Police "A". Sgt Gowans (Police "B") returned the highest individual score of 99.

Complete results for the period of July 6 to July 20 were:

Open Sight League

First Division

* Royal Scots "B" Coy v Middlesex Regt "B" 297
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "D" 308 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "D" 311
Royal Scots "C" Coy "A" 335 v Middlesex Regt "C" 314
5th/7th Rajput Regt "E" 351 v Royal Scots "D" Coy "A" 294
Middlesex Regt "D" 274 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "E" 301
Police "A" (20 yds) 360 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "A" 317
R.A.F. "A" 332 v H.K.V.D.C. "A" 318
Police Reserves (20 yds) 343 v 22nd (F) Coy R.E. 323
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "B" 272 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "A" 349
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "C" 310 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "B" 314
Royal Scots H.Q. Coy "A" 331 v Middlesex Regt "A" 328
Royal Scots "A" Coy 315 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "C" 323
H.K.R.N.V.R. "A" 286 v Royal Scots "B" Coy 262
Middlesex Regt "B" 306 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "D" 327
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "D" 301 v Royal Scots "C" Coy "A" 325
Middlesex Regt "C" 298 v Royal Scots "D" Coy "A" 282
5th/7th Rajput Regt "E" 343 v Middlesex Regt "D" 258
2nd/14th Rajput Regt "E" 307 v R.A.F. "A" 342
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "A" 322 v H.K. Police Res. (20 yds) 347
H.K.V.D.C. "A" 325 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "B" 327
40th (F) Coy R.E. 325 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "A" 338
40th (F) Coy R.E. 321 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "C" 313
Middlesex Regt "E" 338 v Police "A" (20 yds) 341
Dockyard Rifle Club 320 v Royal Scots H.Q. Coy "A" 326
Dockyard Rifle Club 306 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "C" 291
Collinson R.C. "A" 303 v 22nd (F) Coy R.E. 335
Collinson R.C. "A" 258 v H.K.R.N.V.R. "A"
R.A.F. "B" 337 v H.K.V.D.C. "B" 290
H.K.R.N.V.R. "B" 298 v Royal Scots H.Q. Coy "B"
Royal Scots "C" Coy "B" 318 v Royal Scots "D" Coy "B" 219
Middlesex Regt "F" 243 v H.K. Police "B" (20 yds) 350
Middlesex Regt "H" 290 v R.E.

WATER-POLO

Latest results in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament are as follows:

Middlesex "A" 9 (Jennings 5, Bindon 3, Haymas) 8th Coastal, R.A., 0.

965th Battery 5 (Leong Kwok-wai 2, Longridge, Pidgeon, Robbins) 8th Coastal, R.A. 4 (McNulty 2, Woolridge, Colthorpe).

965th Battery 4 (Leong Kwok-wai 2, Pidgeon, Robbins) Combined Small Units 3 (Macdonald 3).

TO-DAY'S GAMES

A very important game will be played at Army Pool at 7.30 p.m. this evening, when Signals meet Middlesex "A".

Should Signals win this match the chances are that they will finish at the top of the standings, but if Middlesex "A" should take the points to-night, indications are that the final result of the tournament will be decided by the return engagement between these two teams.

Other games to be played this evening are as follows, all games being scheduled to be played at Army Pool: 6 p.m. Royal Scots "A" v Royal Scots "B".

7 p.m. Middlesex "B" v Navy "C".

League Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	15	15	0	0	88	9	30
Y.M.C.A.	16	14	2	0	82	18	28
Middlesex "A"	14	13	1	0	79	21	26
R. Navy "A"	14	10	3	1	64	30	21
Combined Small Units	16	8	7	1	43	54	19
R. Scots "A"	14	9	5	0	47	30	18
8th. Regt. R.A.	13	6	6	2	33	49	12
R. Navy "C"	13	5	6	2	34	38	12
Middlesex "B"	13	4	8	1	27	49	9
6th. A.A. Regt.	14	3	9	2	31	45	8
965th. Bty. R.A.	10	2	12	2	28	79	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
36th. Bty. R.A.	14	1	12	1	10	07	3
R. Scots "B"	14	0	13	1	18	60	1

(Shamshulpo) 296.

R.E. (Stanley) 327 v R.E. (Stonecutters) 340.

Collinson R.C. "B" 205 v Middlesex Regt "C" 247.

* Cards not returned.

APERTURE SIGHTS

July 6th To July 20th

Police "A" (20 yds) 378 v Police "B" (20 yds) 285.

R.A.F. 382 v H.K.P. Res "A" (20 yds) 363.

Royal Scots "C" Coy 357 v H.K.P. Res "B" (20 yds) 356.

July 13th To July 27th

Results from July 13 to July 27 were: Police "A" (20 yds) 386 v H.K.P. Res "A" (20 yds) 353.

R.A.F. 381 v Royal Scots "C" Coy 371.

Police "B" (20 yds) 382 v H.K.P. Res "B" (20 yds) 361.

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First Division

LEAGUE STANDING PERIOD ENDING 27TH JULY

	S	W	L	A	Pts
2/R. Scots "C" Coy	5	4	1	1672	8
Police "A"	4	4	0	1410	8
Police Reserve	4	4	0	1361	8
5th/7th Rajput Regt "E"	4	4	0	1337	8

R.A.F. "A"	4	3	1	1326	6
5th/7th Rajput Regt "A"	4	3	1	1292	6
2/R. Scots H.Q. Coy "A"	4	3	1	1289	6
5th/7th Rajput Regt "D"	4	3	1	1273	6
5th/7th Rajput Regt "C"	4	3	1	1215	6
1/Middlesex Regt "B"	4	3	1	1195	6
5th/7th Rajput Regt "B"	3	3	0	947	6
Dockyard Rifle Club 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "B"	4	2	2	1258	4
Collinson R.C. "A"	4	2	2	1222	4
2/R. Scots "A" Coy	3	2	1	921	4
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "A"	4	1	3	1260	2
R.E. 22nd (F) Coy 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "A"	4	1	3	1227	2
1/Middlesex Regt "D"	4	1	3	1100	2
1/Middlesex Regt "E"	3	1	2	1036	2
R.E. 40th (F) Coy "D"	4	1	3	967	2
1/Middlesex Regt "C"	3	1	2	929	2
H.K.R.N.V.R. "A"	4	1	3	884	2
2/R. Scots "D" Coy "A"	3	1	2	848	2
H.K.V.D.C. "A"	4	0	4	1105	0
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "D"	4	0	4	1141	0
1/Middlesex Regt "A"	3	0	3	899	0
2/R. Scots "B" Coy	4	0	4	777	0

Second Division					
Police "B"	2	2	0	695	4
R.E. (Stonecutters)	2	2	0	660	4
2/R. Scots "C" Coy.	2	2	0	644	4
"B"	2	2	0	644	4
R.E. (Shamshulpo)	2	2	0	617	4
H.K.R.N.V.R. "B"	2	2	0	606	4
1/Middlesex Regt. "G"	2	2	0	510	4
R.A.F. "B"	2	1	1	664	2
1/Middlesex Regt. "F"	2	1	1	502	2
R.E. (Stanley)	2	0	2	612	0
1/Middlesex Regt. "H"	2	0	2	554	0
H.K.V.D.C. "B"	2	0	2	503	0
2/R. Scots "D" Coy.	2	0	2	455	0
"B"	2	0	2	455	0
2/R. Scots H.Q. Coy	2	0	2	265	0
"B"	2	0	2	265	0
Collinson R.C. "B"	1	0	1	205	0
R.E. (Collinson)	1	0	1	199	0
APERTURE SIGHTS LEAGUE					
LEAGUE STANDINGS—PERIOD					
ENDING 20TH JULY					
R.A.F.	3	3	0	1149	6
Police "B"	3	3	0	1147	6
Police "A"	3	1	2	1140	2
Police Reserve "A"	3	1	2	1099	2
2/R. Scots "C" Coy	3	1	2	1095	2
Police Reserve "B"	3	0	3	1077	0

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Bobby Riggs, former American champion and winner of the last Wimbledon singles title, won the men's singles at the Seabright (New Jersey) Invitation Lawn Tennis Tournament yesterday when he defeated F. Schroeder, one of America's younger players by 8-4, 6-4 and 6-0.—Reuter.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE STARTS TO-DAY

The Basketball League, under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the "Wu Teh Chen" Cup starts this evening when Banks' Union meet Wah Kui at 7.30 p.m. and Black Cats clash with V.R.C. at 8.30 p.m. All games will be played at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Prizes won in the 25-Mile Bicycle time trial held at Tsun Wan recently will be distributed this evening at Chinese Y.M.C.A.

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CHUNGKING WELCOMES THE MOVE

A Chinese Government spokesman in Chungking expressed gratification at the prompt and energetic measures taken by the British Government with the support of other members of the British Commonwealth and the Government of India to counter Japan's fresh aggression in Indo-China.

The severance of all trade relations between the British Empire and Japan and the freezing of Japanese assets, which followed so closely the similar action taken by the United States Government, the spokesman said, not only deal the most serious blow to Japan's already weakened financial and economic structure but also demonstrate the ever-increasing solidarity among the Democratic powers.

China welcomes this strengthening of the anti-aggression front in the Pacific area as elsewhere, the spokesman added. — Central News.

TEACHERS TO BE PAID IN GRAIN

As a measure of relief to primary school teachers in the province, the Hunan Provincial Government has decided that the salaries of teachers be paid in grain. The new ruling will come into force as from September this year. — Central News.

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Eritrea Under British Occupation

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent in Cairo)

SOME ITALIANS IN THE British-occupied town of Asmara, Eritrea, are now coming out into the open as anti-Fascists, but others are not willing to commit themselves while they suspect there is any chance of the Fascists returning, but practically all of them, officials and civilians, show an almost unnatural readiness to cooperate with the British authorities.

The general feeling among the Italians in Asmara is one of bitterness against their leaders, and the political problem, however small, is being compared with the economic problem facing the British Administration.

Eritrea has always been developed by the Italians as a show place on uneconomic lines. A big attempt is now being made to get the economic life of the country running.

Eritrea has numerous garages and works ready for anything except build cars, and they are said to be only equalled in England by Birmingham in numbers and equipment.

British possession of this El Dorado of machine-tools is helping to solve the transport problems of the Middle East. In addition to finding employment wherever possible, the British are supporting women and children with regular allowances.

Good Relations

Good relations exist between the Italians and the British, South African and Indian troops garrisoning the country, but the feeling of irritation against their leaders never varies.

Eritrean sea, rail and road routes are being opened by the authorities. The railway from the Red Sea port of Massawa, which may yet form a link with the Sudan, was fortunately little damaged, and its cheap transport will reduce the cost of living.

Eritrea has been the testing ground of what Britain can do in administering and feeding occupied territory. Doubtless, the experience gained here will be invaluable later in the harder post-war task of feeding Europe's millions. — Reuter.

EXAMPLE OF THE GUERRILLAS

Russia's continued resistance to the German attacks is emphasised in editorials dealing with the war situation.

The parallel between the defence by Russian guerrillas and similar work that might be done by the British Home Guards is emphasised by the "Yorkshire Post", which says the Russian campaign has shown what determined guerilla defence can do over familiar ground by countering the penetrative power of Nazi mobile divisions.

There are solid grounds for believing that in the Home Guard Britain has found a similar sturdy reply to the menace of airborne invasion.

The "Daily Mail" declares that the magnitude and meaning of the Russia-German war emerge with stark clarity as the conflict enters the sixth week. Japan and Spain have made clear their intentions on any signs of Soviet weakening in resistance.

Fortunately, Russia still stands and shows no sign of weakening. — Reuter.

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THE BANK OF JAVA TO-DAY OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT YEN QUOTATIONS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED.

Meanwhile all business in Yen in Batavia is impossible as at any moment a Government declaration in the People's Council is expected. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOPS POUR IN

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No Going Back

"President Roosevelt's vigorous reaction to the brigandage of Japan with economic measures supported instantly by the establishment in the Philippines of the United States Army of the Far East is another stage of Anglo-American cooperation against the enemies of humanity."

The "Manchester Guardian" states: "It will be for Japan to decide whether she will provoke the hostility of the Democratic powers and measure her strength against the new combination of forces she has raised up against her. Reluctant as the United States is to fight thousands of miles away from her shores, this is a case in which she will not go back." — Reuter.

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